

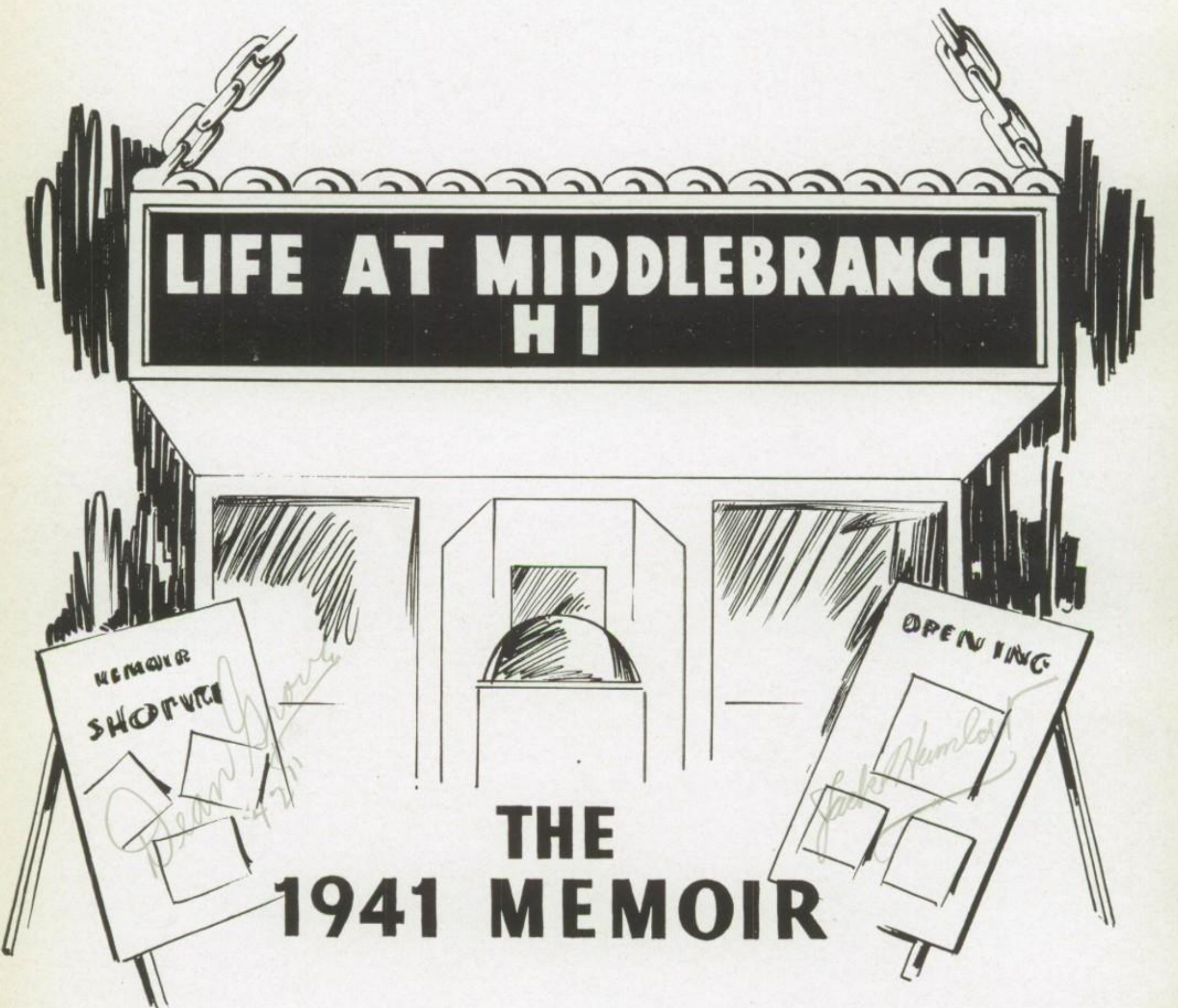
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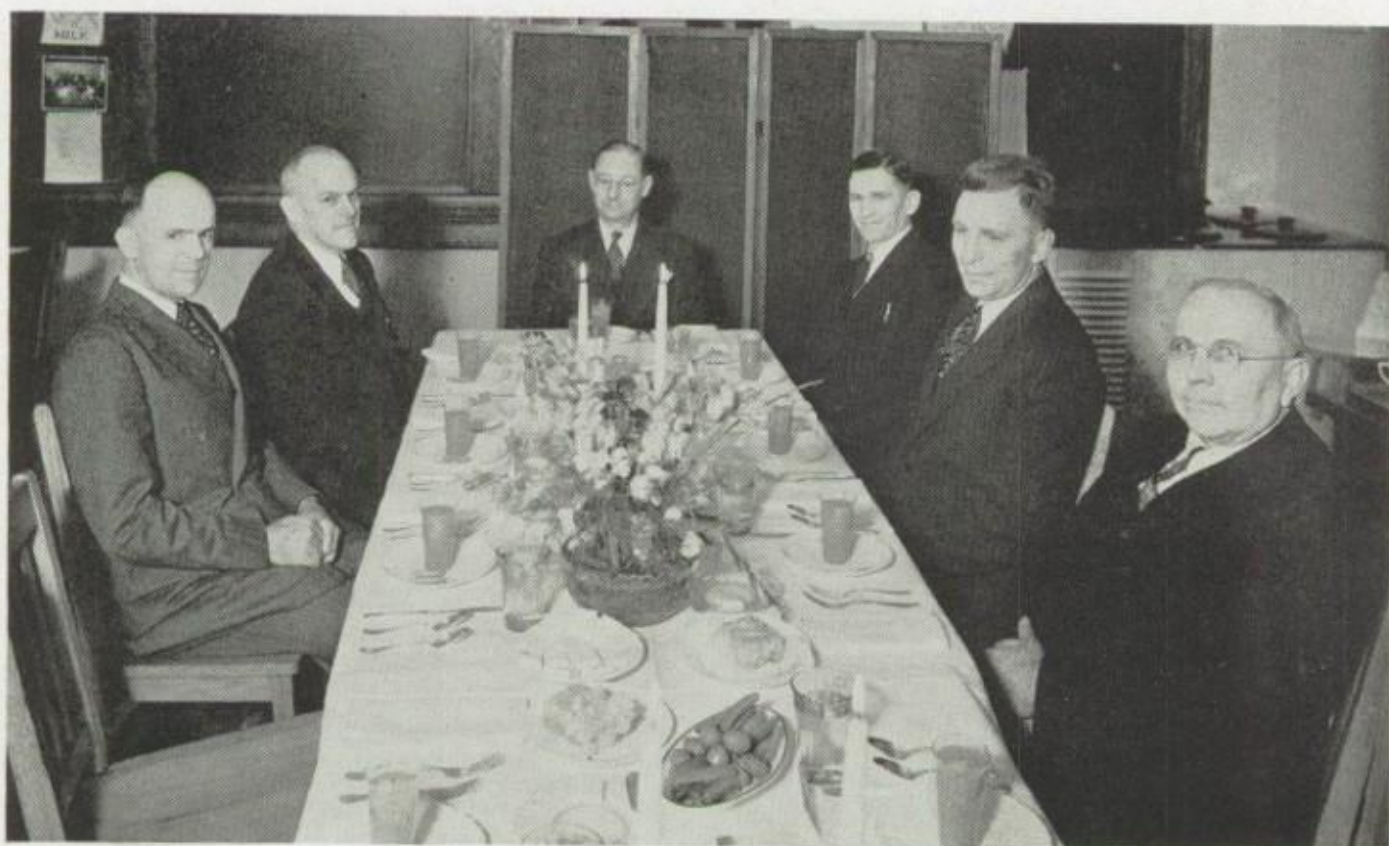
THE SENIOR CLASS OF 1941

Foreword

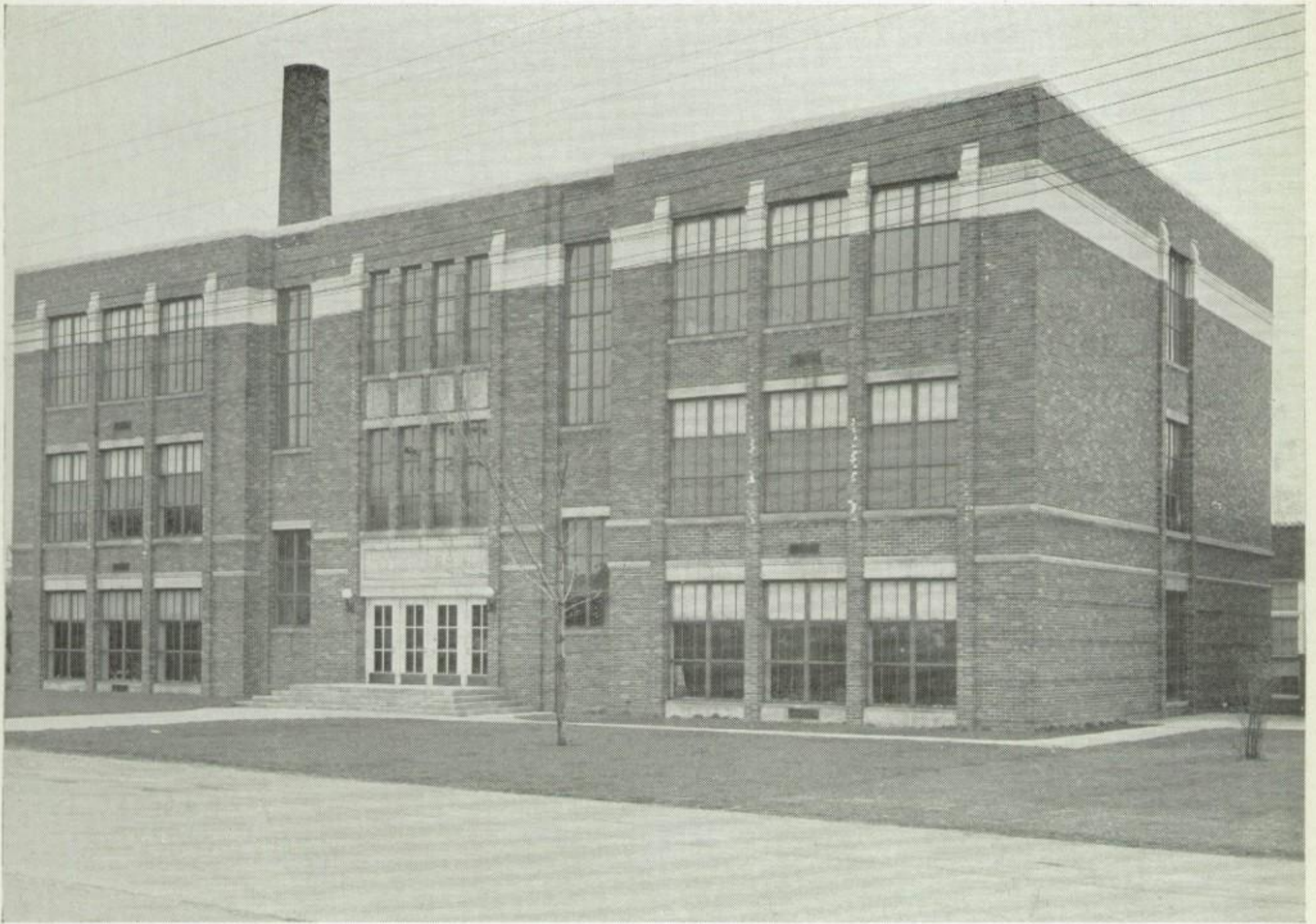
For your satisfaction, we, the staff of the 1941
Memoir, have compiled a record of the school year
at Middlebranch in the manner of a motion picture,
and we hope that some of the true spirit that has
characterized the past year may be imparted to
you through the scenes herein portrayed.

DEDICATION

To the members of the Plain Township Board of Education, whose tireless labor and unceasing effort have benefited Middlebranch High School and contributed to the cause of learning, the fifth volume of the Memoir is respectfully dedicated.

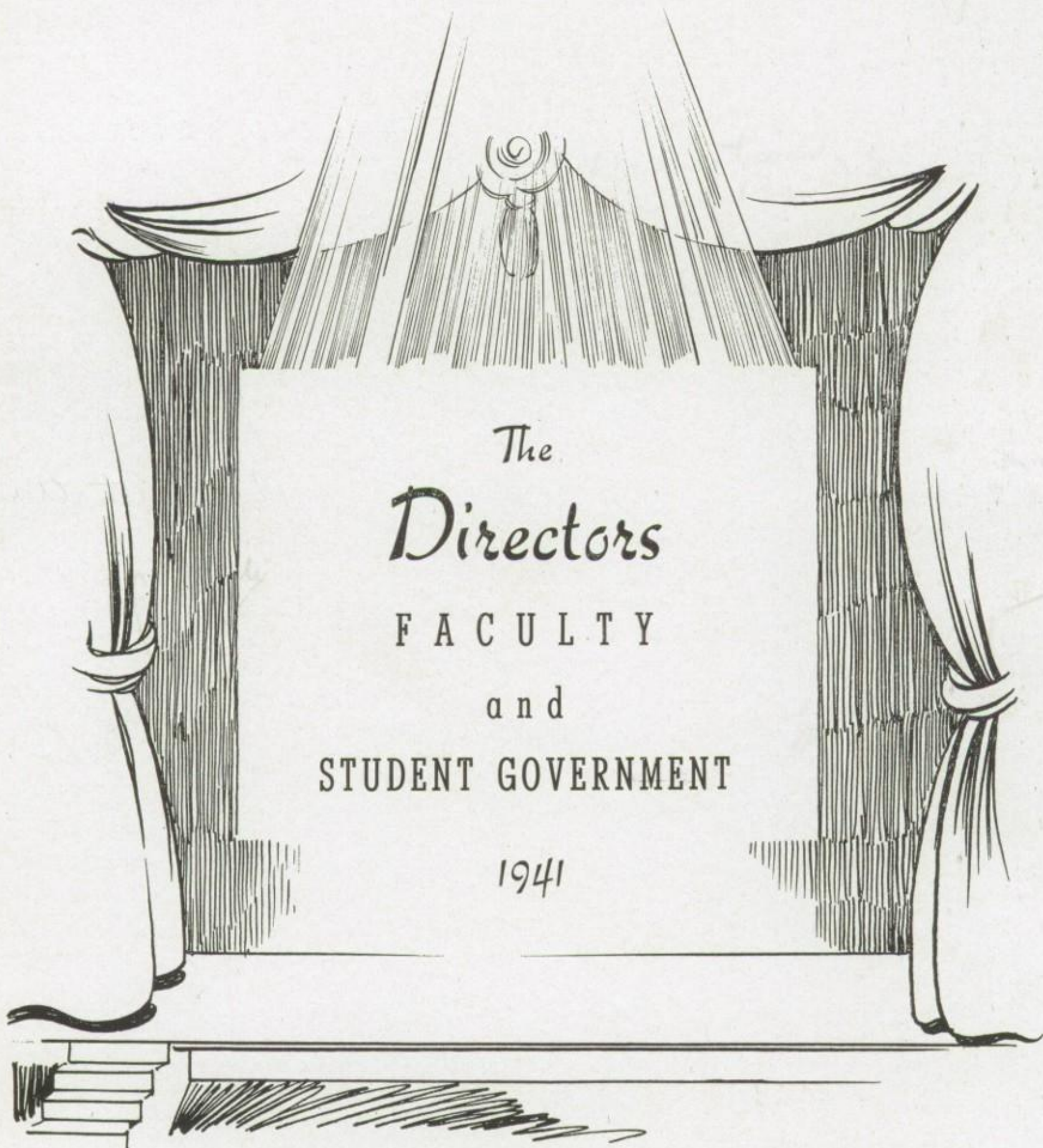


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SETTING

Middlebranch High School, with it's surroundings, is the setting for the motion picture production, "Life at Middlebranch" set forth in the 1941 volume of the Memoir.



The
Directors
FACULTY
and
STUDENT GOVERNMENT
1941

FACULTY

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Mathematics



CATHERINE LEIST, B. S. in Ed.

Kent State University
English - - Art
History

Student Council



Court in Session

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council is the ruling body of the school. It is made up of two representatives from each of the four upper grades and one from each of the seventh and eighth grades.

This year through the cooperation of teachers and pupils Student Day was sponsored. Dances and movies provided by the Student Council gave the students noon recreation.

All trials were taken care of and all sentences were given by the court. Some new laws were started by the adviser, Mr. Guttner. The trial pictured above was the trial of David Havis who was charged with creating a disturbance in the study hall.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President	-----	Theodore Stuhl
Secretary	-----	Dorothy Ladley
Clerk of Courts	-----	Betty Feller
Victor Lombardi		Jack Symes
Mike Cirone		Pauline Gottshall
Esther Rice		Marjorie Feller
		Edgar Johnson



Hall Monitors

Second Row: Eleanor Grant, Ruth Schmucker, Virginia Mohler, Catherine Washburn, Verna Henzel, Pauline Wise.

First Row: Evelyn Le May, Marguerite Clark, Helen Lichty, Betty Wearstler, Edna Reel, Geneva Schott, Harriet Wirth, Alda Cavalier. Adviser - Miss Ream.



Study Hall Monitors

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First Row: Martha Walthour, Geneva Schott, Pauline Gottshall, Dorothy Chok, Phyllis Capuano, Arbenia Castella, Betty Feller, Dorothy Royer. Adviser - Miss Ream.



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First Row: Lorie Vendetti, Bob Angione, Robert Humbert, Angelo Vendetti, Bill Weirick, Richard Mareno, Eugene Capuano, Art Fowler. Adviser - Mr. Schamp.



Librarians

Second Row: Clara Wolfe, Harriet McMillen, Josephine Evans, Twyla Schmucker, Dorothy Ladley.

First Row: Dortha Kohr, Margaret De Giralomo, Mildred Judy, Geraldine Rice, Alice Boli, Jeanne Gibbs. Adviser - Miss Rodgers.



Office Secretaries

Second Row: Eleanore Reel, Jennie De Giralomo, Dorothy Greer, Josephine Evans, Mary Rose Linder, Agnes Shaw, Dortha Kohr.

First Row: Edith Gerome, Phyllis Hinton, Adviser - Miss Smith.



M. H. S.
presents
its
FEATURE PRESENTATION
The
Seniors
1941

TWYLA SCHMUCKER

*Ambitious, friendly, humor besides;
Quiet poise personified.*

Orchestra 2-3-4; Band 2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Class Sextet 1-2-3-4; Music Festival 2-3-4; Booster Club 1-2-3-4; Librarian 2-3-4; Monitor 2-3; Class Play 3; High School Play 4; Radio Play 4; Verse Speaking Choir 2-3-4; Girl Reserves 4; Memoir Staff 4; Scholarship 1-2-3-4; D. A. R. Test 4.

MARGARET LADLEY

*She has persistence, fire and go,
Her manner is breezy and striking,
you know.*

Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Monitor 1-2; Booster Club 2-3-4; Girl Reserves 4; Mid-Hi 4; Teacher's Sec'y. 4; Verse Speaking Choir 3-4; Class Officer 3-4; Music Festival 2-3; Class Sextet 1-2-3-4; Class Play 3; Drum Major 2-3-4; Basketball 1-2-3; Volleyball 1-2-3-4; Softball 1-2.

CLAYTON BEARD

*Small but mighty as the saying goes,
Still he has more friends than foes.*

Football 2-3-4; Class Softball 1-2-3-4; Booster Club 3-4; Class Basketball 4; Track 4; Hi-Y 2-3-4; High School Play 1-2.

LEONARD CASTELLA

*Do you know Castella?
He's a nice quiet fella.*

Football 3-4; Basketball 2-3-4; Baseball 4; Class Sports 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 3.

LAWRENCE CLARK

*A quiet voice and a shy little smile;
Even the worst things won't
Lawrence rile.*

Football 3-4; Radio Play 4; Class Track 4.



THEODORE STUHL

*All females are pests in Theo's eyes,
In council he settles the arguments
that arise.*

Orchestra 1-2-3-4; Music Festival 1-2-3-4; Boy State 3; Class Officer 2-3-4; Boy Scouts 1-2-3-4; Football 3-4; Class Football 2; Hi-Y 4; Mid-Hi Staff 4; Student Council 4; Radio Play 4; Memoir Staff 3; Class Play 3; Class Basketball 3.

DOROTHY CHOK

*She was seen so often as cashier;
That she'll make good, we have no
fear.*

Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Music Festival 1-2-3; Literary Contest 4; Cafeteria 1-2-3-4; Orchestra 2-3-4; Band 2-3-4; Monitor 4; Office Sec'y. 1; Girl Scout 1-2; Booster Club 1-2; Teacher's Sec'y. 4; Class Officer 1-2-4.

RAYMOND CAPUANO

*On the field and court he excels,
And from the sidelines he gets the
yells.*

Football 1-2-3-4; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Hi-Y 2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-4; Boy Scouts 1-2-3; Class Play 3; High School Play 1-2-4; Class Officer 1; Booster Club 3-4; Class Basketball 1-2; Baseball 3-4.

JOHN CAVALIER

*A slow, quiet Cavalier,
But he'll get along, never fear.*

Football 1-2-3; Basketball 2-3; Class Basketball 1-2-3-4; Volleyball 1; Indoor 2-3.

Marguerite Clark
MARGUERITE CLARK

*Small, shy and demure;
On the typewriter her aim is sure.*

Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Booster Club 2; Mid-Hi 4; Girl Reserves 4; Monitor 4; Music Festival 2-3; Teacher's Sec'y. 3-4.

HOWARD CLINE

*No one at all does Howard annoy;
With his farm and radio he's a
happy boy.*

Glee Club 4.



*Mervin
Conrad*

MERVIN CONRAD

*Timid, coy, and from bears he'll run,
Don't let it fool you, he's still full of
fun.*

Orchestra 1-2-3-4; Band 2-3-4; Glee Club 1; Music Festival 2-3; Hi-Y 4; Radio Play 4; Literary Contest 2.

RICHARD DANNER

*If you want some laughs, go to Bi;
On the road of life may be never slip.*

Football 3-4; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Baseball 3-4; Booster Club 4; Junior Police 1-2-3; Class Play 3; High School Play 4; Hi-Y 4; Volleyball 1-2-3-4; Softball 1-2; Music Festival 1-2-3; Memoir Staff 4; Class Basketball 2-3-4; Teacher's Sec'y. 4.



WARREN DANNER

*Red is his hair and happy-go-lucky
his way;
He'll not run out of jokes in a year
and a day.*

Football 3; Basketball 1-2; Class Basketball 1-2-3-4; Volleyball 1-2-3-4; Baseball 3-4; Glee Club 1-3-4; Music Festival 3-4; Boy Scouts 2.

JENNIE De GIRALOMO

*Music is her love and ambition,
We hope someday to hear her
audition.*

Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Monitor 3; Class Sextet 1-2-3-4; Music Festival 2-3-4; Literary Contest 2-3-4; Cafeteria 3-4; Booster Club 2-3-4; Teacher's Sec'y. 4; Office Sec'y. 4; Verse Choir 3; Class Volleyball 1-2; Basketball 1-2.



MARGARET De GIRALOMO

*Quiet, shy, petite and prim;
She's never seen without her twin.*

Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Class Sextet 1-2-3-4; Literary Contest 2-3-4; Music Festival 2-3-4; Librarian 3-4; Booster Club 2-3-4; Cafeteria 4; Teacher's Sec'y. 4; Class Basketball 1-2; Volleyball 1-2; Verse Choir 2-3.

JOSEPHINE EVANS

*Tall, talkative, and smart;
In all things she does her part.*

Scholarship 1-2-3-4; Mid-Hi 1-2-3-4; Debate 1-2-3-4; Literary Contest 4; Office Sec'y. 3-4; Class Officer 1-2-3; Class Play 3; School Play 3-4; Booster Club 1-2-4; Girl Reserves 4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Verse Choir 1-2-3-4; Class Sextet 1-2-3-4; Girl Scout 1-2; Radio Play 4; Class Indoor 1-2-3; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Volleyball 1-2-3-4; All-Star Team 1-2-3-4.



MARLON FELLER

*His good humored manner is often
admired
And it's needless to say he's usually
tired.*

Orchestra 1-2-3-4; Band 2-3-4; Class Play 3; School Play 4; Hi-Y 4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Music Festival 2-3-4; Memoir Staff 4; Mid-Hi 4; Radio Play 4; Class Basketball 1-2-3-4; Volleyball 2-3; Baseball 3-4.

DOROTHY GREER

*Singing and talking she does with zest,
But in dancing she does her best.*

Glee Club 1; Booster Club 1-2-3-4; Class Volleyball 1-2-3-4; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Indoor 1-2-4; All-Star Team 2-3-4; Class Play 3; High School Play 2; Office Sec'y. 4; Teacher's Sec'y. 4; Memoir Staff 4; Radio Play 4.



ROBERT HARDIE

*Always rushing here and there,
He seems to be without a care.*

Class Play 3; High School Play 4; Hi-Y 4; Boy Scouts 1-2-3-4; Football Manager 2; Basketball Manager 2-3; Baseball 3-4; Radio Play 4; Glee Club 4; Model Builders 3.

DAVID HAVIS

*His usual place is in student court,
Sometimes a meanie, still a good sort.*

Hi-Y 4; Glee Club 4; Orchestra 4;
Band 4; Class Basketball 3; In-
door 1-2; Booster Club 4; Music
Festival 4; Track 1.



JACK HOFFMAN

*You never see him without his gum,
But to beat him you have to go
some.*

Hi-Y 4; Glee Club 4; Class Play 3;
School Play 4; Radio Play 4;
Memoir Staff 4.

HARRY KEMP

*Harry's grin is good to behold
About him, only half's been told.*

Radio Play 4; Glee Club 4; Music
Festival 4.



DONALD KEMP

*He never keeps up with the latest
fad
And his excuses read "I'm helping
dad."*

ELLIS KINSLEY

*Not so calm and quiet as he appears,
There's red hair above those ears.*

Glee Club 1; Band 2-3-4; Orchestra
2-3-4; Boy Scouts 1; Music Festi-
val 1-2-3; Radio Play 4.



DORTHA KOHR

*A smile and a manner that most
folks adore;
She's little and cute, and her name's
Dortha Kohr.*

Orchestra 1-2-3-4; Band 2-3; Glee
Club 1-2-3-4; Scholarship 1-2-3-4;
Class Sextet 1-2-3-4; Librarian 2-3-
4; Office Sec'y. 1-3-4; High School
Play 2-4; Class Play 3; Radio Play
3-4; Teacher's Sec'y 4; Music Festi-
val 1-2-3-4; Literary Contest 1-2-
3-4; Class Officer 2; Memoir 4;
Verse Choir 1-2-3-4; Girl Scout 1-2;
Girl Reserve 4; Accompanist 4;
Volleyball 1-2-3-4; Basketball 1-2-3-
4; Monitor 2; Indoor 1-2. All-Star
Team 3-4; Booster Club 2-3.

RICHARD KREISS

*He talks and never runs down;
For some fun he's nice to have
around.*

Monitor 2; Class Volleyball 2.



EVELYN LE MAY

*She's so little you hardly know she's
around,
But by her laugh she's easily found.*

Booster Club 1; Glee Club 1-2-3-4;
Music Festival 1-2; Girl Reserve 4;
Monitor 3-4; Teacher's Sec'y. 4;
Volleyball 1-2-3-4; Basketball 2-3;
Indoor 1-2-3.

ROBERT LESH

*He's our art editor with plenty of
swirls;
With his twirling antics he attracts
the girls.*

Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Music Festival 1-
2-3; Mid-Hi 2-3-4; Twirler 2-3-4;
Junior Police 1-2; Class Indoor 1-2;
Basketball 1-2-3; Volleyball 1-2-3;
Hi-Y 3-4; Class Officer 3; Booster
Club 3; Baseball 3-4; Class Play 3;
Radio Play 4.



HELEN LICHTY

*In French she knows her idioms and
verbs,
Her ambition no one can ever curb.*

Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Monitor 3-4;
Music Festival 1-3; Scholarship 3-
4; Girl Reserve 4.

MARY ROSE LINDER

There's an air of efficiency all about her.

Perhaps that's the reason that she's so popular.

Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Girl Reserve 4; Monitor 3-4; Office Sec'y. 4; Basketball 1-2-3-4; All-Star Team 1-2-3-4; Volleyball 1-2-3-4; All-Star Team 1-2-3-4; Chapel Representative 4.



VICTOR LOMBARDI

Vic is a whiz in the chemistry lab, And never have we heard him crab.

Football 1-2-3-4; Basketball 2-3; Literary Contest 4; Student Council 4; Class Basketball 1-2-3-4; Class Indoor 1-2; Class Volleyball 1-2; Class Officer; Glee Club 4; Music Festival 4; Mid-Hi 3; Scholarship Medal 4.

PAUL MARENO

Little, quick, and the opposite of sad Just another mischievous senior lad.

Basketball 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Booster Club 4; Band 3-4; Inter-Class Basketball 2-3-4; Baseball 3-4; Radio Play 2; Music Festival 2-3-4; Tumbling 1.



KENNETH MARTIN

As manager he kept the Diamonds shining And I never once heard him pining.

Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Football 2-3; Hi-Y 4; Booster Club 4; Model Airplane Club 3; Football and Basketball Manager 4; Stage Manager 3.

WILLIAM PARKS

He is always there when things need to be done, For hard work he'll never shun.

Stage Manager 3-4; Mid-Hi Staff 3-4; Track 3-4.



GEORGE POHARESKY

George is a grand fellow and a good sport; And for humor he always has a retort.

Football 3; Inter-class Basketball 3; Baseball 3-4; Inter-class Softball 2-3-4; Hi-Y 3-4; Officer 4; Booster Club 3-4.

SHIRLEY POORMAN

She can mix a milkshake or type a letter; Even if we tried, we couldn't make her better.

Lehman 1-2; Glee Club 3-4; Music Festival 3-4; Booster Club 3; Girl Reserve 4; Class Play 3; Literary Contest 4; Teacher's Sec'y. 3-4; Verse Speaking Choir 4; Volleyball 3-4; Basketball 3.



ELEANORE REEL

As pleasant as a Spring Day; She says to be sad doesn't pay.

Glee Club 1-2-3; Spring Music Festival 2-3; Inter-class Basketball 1-2-3-4; Volleyball 1-2-4; Indoor 2-3-4; Girl Reserve 4; Teacher's Sec'y. 4.

AGNES SHAW

Five foot two, eyes of blue, And a smile for you, and you.

Memoir Staff 4; Copley, Akron 1-2; Mid-Hi Staff 3-4; Office Secretary 4; Volleyball 3-4; Basketball 3; Teacher's Sec'y. 4; Booster Club 3-4; Girl Reserves 4.



Owen Smith

OWEN SMITH

Mechanics is along Owen's line, He thinks life is just fine.

Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Orchestra 1-2-3; Band 2-3; Literary Contest 1; Hi-Y 4; Music Festival 1-2-4.

Webb Stockburger

WEBB STOCKBURGER

*His way with the girls most boys
want to copy,
He has glamour because of his old
Ford jalopy.*

Band 3-4; Hi-Y 3-4; Glee Club 3-4;
School Play 1-2-4; Model Builder 3;
Monitor 2; Basketball 3; Music
Festival 3-4; Booster Club 3-4.



HELEN TAYLOR

*Helen is good, and solid, and sure;
In every group we need someone like
her.*

Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Monitor 2-3-4;
Music Festival 2; Teacher's Sec'y.
4; Girl Reserves 4; Property Mana-
ger 3.

MARTHA WALTHOUR

*She has the nicest dimple in her chin,
In all things she attempts, may she
win.*

Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Orchestra 4;
Band 2-3-4; Girl Reserve 4; Class
Volleyball 1-2-3-4; Indoor 1-2-3-4;
Monitor 3-4; Teacher's Sec'y. 4.



HENRY WASIK

*We're sure Henry will be a success,
We think he's a swell guy we must
confess.*

Music Festival 3-4; Orchestra 2-3-4;
Judge 4; Mid-Hi 4; Class Play 3;
Radio Play 4; Teacher's Sec'y. 4.

ETHEL WEST

*She does her best on roller skates;
Any air of dignity she hates.*

Louisville 1; Booster Club 3-4;
Monitor 3; Librarian 3; Class Play
3; Teacher's Sec'y. 4; Class Basket-
ball 2-3-4; Volleyball 2-3-4; Indoor
2-3-4; All-Star Teams 2-3-4; Girl
Reserve 4.



FRANK WIRTH

*He loafs and never gets things done
But his countenance is as bright as
the sun.*

Lehman 1; Hi-Y 4; Booster Club 3;
Cheer Leader 3; Class Basketball
2-3-4; Indoor 2-3-4.



PAULINE WISE

*In height she stands above the rest
In all things she tries to do her best.*

Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Music Festival
2-3-4; Class Play (Prompter) 3;
Monitor 2-4; Girl Scout 1-2.

FACULTY AWARD

The faculty medal for general excellence for the year 1941 is awarded to Dortha Kohr.

This award, given annually by the faculty of Middlebranch High School, is the highest honor which a pupil can receive at the school; it is awarded only after due deliberation by the faculty aided by a vote of the entire student body.

To receive the award the student must give evidence of high ideals, scholarship, pleasing personality, good citizenship, versatility, and the willingness and desire to be of service to his community.

"Excellence is never granted to man but as the reward of labor. It argues no small strength of mind to persevere in habits of industry without the pleasure of procuring those advances, which, like the hands of a clock, whilst they make hourly approach to their point, yet proceed so slowly as to escape observation."

— REYNOLDS.

Dortha C. Kohr



SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

This year on the basis of Sportmanship, the faculty awarded to a member of the Senior Class, through the courtesy of Nusbaum's Jewelry Store, a Bulova wrist watch. The student body was given the opportunity of voting for the Senior they thought rated highest in the traits of sportsmanship. The qualities upon which the selection was made were fairmindedness, consideration, loyalty, respect, sincerity, courtesy, dependability, and the ability to get along with others. A written test on sportsmanship was given to the six Seniors receiving the highest number of votes. Then, taking into consideration the student vote and the test grades, the faculty selected Victor Lombardi as the student who came nearest to fulfilling the requirements of sportsmanship set up by the students and faculty.



CLASS HISTORY

In 1937 a group of wondering, bewildered Freshmen, sixty-seven in number, appeared on the Middlebranch set. They had all been given a contract by the Middlebranch Motion Picture Co. more for their brains than their acting ability. Some were, however, proficient in acting the monkey. Greenness was the characteristic color. It was tough going for a while as they were given only the stand-in parts and received the customary bumps in initiation. The director, Mr. Hickman, directed the would-be actors and managed to take some rough spots off by ranting, raging, and smiling. The executive department was in the able hands of Dorothy Chok as President, Victor Lombardi, Vice President, and Josephine Evans, Secretary and Treasurer. The only business venture undertaken was a roller skating party, which was very successful.

At the end of the year the Freshies took their share of the honors with five scholarship medals and letters for athletics. That was not bad for the first venture in the role of high school student. They vacationed the three summer months of 1938 without pay but it helped to revive the pep and vim of the previous fall.

September 10, 1938 vacation ended for the young stars and sixty-six of them returned to continue this business of acting the role of student. Their acting ability had greatly improved. They were now a necessary part of every production in the school. Miss Mary Roess was the director of the promising young group. They chose Twyla Schmucker as President for that year. She was ably assisted by Vice President Dorothy Chok, Secretary Dortha Kohr, and Treasurer Josephine Evans. Out of this uncanny jumble of minds came the idea of a hay ride. The idea proved very successful when it was carried out. The traditional roller skating party was held at Land O' Dance because the chief recreation of the stars is skating. The front of the study hall was brighter than usual at the end of that year. After a polishing by Miss Roess the stars shone like suns. All their activities were grooming them for their debut in the Junior and Senior production. Besides their regular parts in English, History, Biology, etc. the Sophomores found time to debate and take part in athletics, orchestra, band, and Literary Contest.

Josephine Evans, Dortha Kohr, and Twyla Schmucker won Scholarship medals again showing that the class is not comprised of only beauty and brawn. They gracefully bowed out of the Sophomore class to take their positions as Juniors when the curtain went up in the fall of 1939.

In the fall of 1939 fifty-one anxious, ambitious Juniors resumed their places in the stream of activity which accompanies the reopening of the show for its third successive year on the Middlebranch set. This year they rated, or needed, two directors. Miss Florence Smith and Mr. Melvin Carpenter assumed these responsible positions. Theodore

Stuhl was voted into the President's chair with a co-staff consisting of Josephine Evans, Vice President, Margaret Ladley, Secretary, and Robert Lesh, Treasurer. The class met the problem that year of financing their undertakings and the Junior-Senior Prom. They organized their salesmen and sold candy, hot dogs, sweet cider, and coffee at the football games. The candy project was carried on during basketball games and noon hours. At Christmas they sponsored a delightful Hop in the gym. Around February 14 they decided to help cupid out and turned Room 30 into a Valentine Counter to the joy of the underclassmen. In May the Juniors appropriated the auditorium and converted it into a penthouse and garden on Park Avenue with towering skyscrapers and the friendly moon. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed the music of the Debutantes. Four scholarship medals were awarded to the Juniors that year. Dortha Kohr, Helen Lichty, Twyla Schmucker, and Josephine Evans were winners of the awards. The Juniors attended the Seniors through their last week on the set of Middlebranch. All told it was an exciting, hectic, and thoroughly enjoyable year.

In the fall of 1940, forty-seven of these persistent actors reappeared. Miss Wathan was given the group to polish into accomplished stars. The class selected Twyla Schmucker as their executive head to be aided by Theodore Stuhl, Vice President, Margaret Ladley, Secretary, and Dorothy Chok, Treasurer. Money-making was uppermost in their minds. This was because of the necessity of financing their production of the Memoir. The class played the roles of salesmen. First they sold roller skating tickets, then car reflectors, next Christmas cards, and following that, tickets for Pie Plant Show. Intermingled with these appeared tickets for the Joy Bell Ringer, Albert Fish, and personal stationery. Everyone became aware of the high pressure salesmanship and to protect his money bags remained aloof of the persuasive Seniors toward the end of the year. Nevertheless, in the bustle Josephine Evans, Dortha Kohr, Twyla Schmucker, Helen Lichty, and Victor Lombardi found time to acquire scholarship medals. The gigantic task of engineering the production of the Memoir was entrusted to Dortha Kohr as Editor-in-Chief. Twyla Schmucker struggled beside her as Literary Editor. Jack Hoffman and Richard Danner ran the business end of the enterprise. Snapshots were ably handled by Marlon Feller and his assistant, Robert Hardie. Agnes Shaw and Dorothy Greer capably took over the sports edition. The finished product appeared in a blue and silver cover, the class colors. The motto of the group was, "Knowledge is Power."

The grand finale for this group of stars began June 1 at Baccalaureate, proceeded through Class Night on June 2, and the curtain fell on the evening of Commencement, June 4. Thus ended the contract for these actors who had persevered and found success in their roles at Middlebranch High School.

CLASS PROPHECY

It is rumored about this studio that the stars appearing in this year's feature presentation will soon be seen in the following roles.

Clayton Beard - - Playing fast, ferocious professional football.

Raymond Capuano - - Blustering coach of a champion football team.

Leonard Castella - - Carrying clubs and balls for the golf minded members of the Cash and Carry Country Club.

John Cavalier - - Member of a famous barber shop quartet now being thrown out of Europe.

Dorothy Chok - - Another Florence Nightingale who yodels in the Alps on her vacation.

Lawrence Clark - - Selling Ford tractors to his former classmates.

Marguerite Clark - - Managing a dress shop that sells only Paris creations.

Howard Cline - - Operating a famous amateur radio set that cuts off all local stations.

Mervin Conrad - - An authority on farm problems on the Painted Desert.

Warren Danner - - Posing for Carrot Company ads that bear the slogan, "Carrot Tops Them All."

Richard Danner - - Business manager at Middlebranch Escort Bureau but making no profits because he dates all the girls himself.

Jennie and Margaret De Giralomo - - Entertainers and singers for Thrivo Dog Food on Sunday broadcasts.

Josephine Evans - - Keeping track of books in the newest of libraries and writing bits of New York's choicest scandal in her spare time.

Marlon Feller - - Still hunting Wild Life.

Dorothy Greer - - Jitter-bugging her way through Tin Pan Alley, even better than she was in the present production.

Robert Hardie - - President of Diebold Safe and Lock Company - - specializes in keyholes.

David Havis - - Playing a hot trumpet in T. D.'s orchestra at the Ambassador Hotel.

Jack Hoffman - - Still thrilling the ladies . . . this time in London society.

Harry Kemp - - The dignified parson of Canton's largest church.

Donald Kemp - - Lecturing on the subject of how to grow bigger potatoes in smaller gardens.

Ellis Kinsley - - Professor of mathematics in the University of Alaska.

Dortha Kohr - - Director of an experimental kitchen

where even the food testers can't eat the vitamin-plus dishes.

Richard Kreiss - - Posing for "the hair you love to touch" hair tonic ads.

Margaret Ladley - - Strutting for a professional girls' band and taking honors for her twirling.

Evelyn Le May - - Demonstrating sewing machines. It's not her fault they won't work.

Robert Lesh - - Struggling in the University of Southern California.

Helen Lichty - - Teaching French in Chicago's largest high school.

Mary Linder - - Raising and serving duck dinners at the "Lindy Tea Shoppe."

Victor Lombardi - - Teaching chemistry students how to blow up a laboratory.

Paul Mareno - - Touring the country.

Kenneth Martin - - Flying an airplane upside down to stimulate his thinking by causing the blood to rush to his head.

William Parks - - Working as circulation manager at the Canton Repository . . . circulation grows after his employment.

George Poharesky - - Famous golf champion . . . with his picture in the sports edition of every newspaper.

Shirley Poorman - - Giving advice to the love-lorn . . . she still can't solve her own problems.

Eleanor Reel - - Doing an admirable job as a housewife.

Twyla Schmucker - - Taking nature hikes with kindergarten children and teaching them nature appreciation.

Agnes Shaw - - Private secretary to the President.

Owen Smith - - Walking around with his climbing shoes rescuing kittens from precarious places.

Webb Stockburger - - The owner of a large used-car lot . . . specializing in 1934 Fords.

Theodore Stuhl - - Boy Scout leader at Pleasant View . . . still resigned to being a bachelor.

Helen Taylor - - Director of a women's gymnasium.

Martha Walthour - - Housewife in a penthouse in New York.

Henry Wasik - - Owner of a large chicken farm.

Ethel West - - A second Sonja Henie on roller skates.

Frank Wirth - - Famous radio comedian . . rivaling Jack Benny and Fred Allen.

Pauline Wise - - Lecturing to club women on how to keep your girlish figure.

CLASS WILL

We, the stars of "Life at Middlebranch," before leaving the set, wish to bequeath these, our possessions, to the oncoming stars so that they may be a success in future productions.

Clayton Beard's small physique to Nelson Schmucker.

Ray Capuano to Joyce Lewis.

The shyness of Leonard Castello to Dean Grove.

John Cavalier's unobtrusiveness to Geneva Schott.

A used cashier post of Dorothy Chok's to Virginia Parks.

The quiet voice of Lawrence Clark to Dwain Harsh.

To Arline Morrel goes Marquerite Clark's shy smile.

Howard Cline's backwardness to James Goldsmith.

One clarinet to George Oberlin from Mervin Conrad.

The red hair of Warren Danner to Jack Humbert.

Jennie De Giralomo's place as Senior Nightingale to Marilyn Sommers.

Maggie De Giralomo's voice to Kathleen Uber.

Josephine Evan's ability to get things done to Enid Smith.

To Charles Hinkle goes Marlon Feller's pigeons.

The dancing feet of Dorothy Greer to Audrey Danner.

Bequeathed to Junior Weisel is Robert Hardie's way with the women.

David Havis's hot trumpet to Catherine James.

All Jack Hoffman's gum to Miss Wathan.

The height of Harry Kemp to Orlando De Giralomo.

Donald Kemp's brawn and muscle to Donald Stockburger.

From Ellis Kinsley, Leonard Menicos gets his peaceable moods.

Part of Dortha Kohr's blond glamour to Gloria Boydelatour.

To our Superintendent goes Richard Kreiss's hearty laugh.

The drum majoring style of Margaret Ladley is given to Virginia Prince.

Evelyn Le May's height to Louise Boyd.

Floyd Steiner is lucky enough to receive Robert Lesh's Lehman girls.

Helen Lichty's brief case is handed over to Lois Seifert.

Mary Linder's current events to the person who never has his own.

Victor Lombardi's pleasing personality to Thomas Hall.

Paul Mareno's and Richard Danner's permissions to be absent and tardy to Avery Shaeffer and Virgil Lilley.

To his successor goes Kenneth Martin's manager position.

The discolored test tubes of William Parks go to anyone ambitious enough to wash them.

George Poharesky's little-used Democracy book to Ralph Harting.

Shirley Poorman's steady boy friends to Ruth Schmucker.

To one discouraged person goes Eleanor Reel's crinkly eyes.

The calm and composure of Twyla Schmucker to Janice Lewis.

All of Agnes Shaw's excuses from Democracy class to Norman Woodward.

Owen Smith's variety of girls to Joe Brosovic.

Webb Stockburger's place in jalopy races to Stanley Tucker.

Theodore Stuhl's position as President of Student Council to a big man.

Clara Wolfe is the receiver of Helen Taylor's brown eyes.

To all girls wishing to cut the expense of rouge goes Martha Walthour's rosy cheeks.

Henry Wasik's chemistry grades to future chemists.

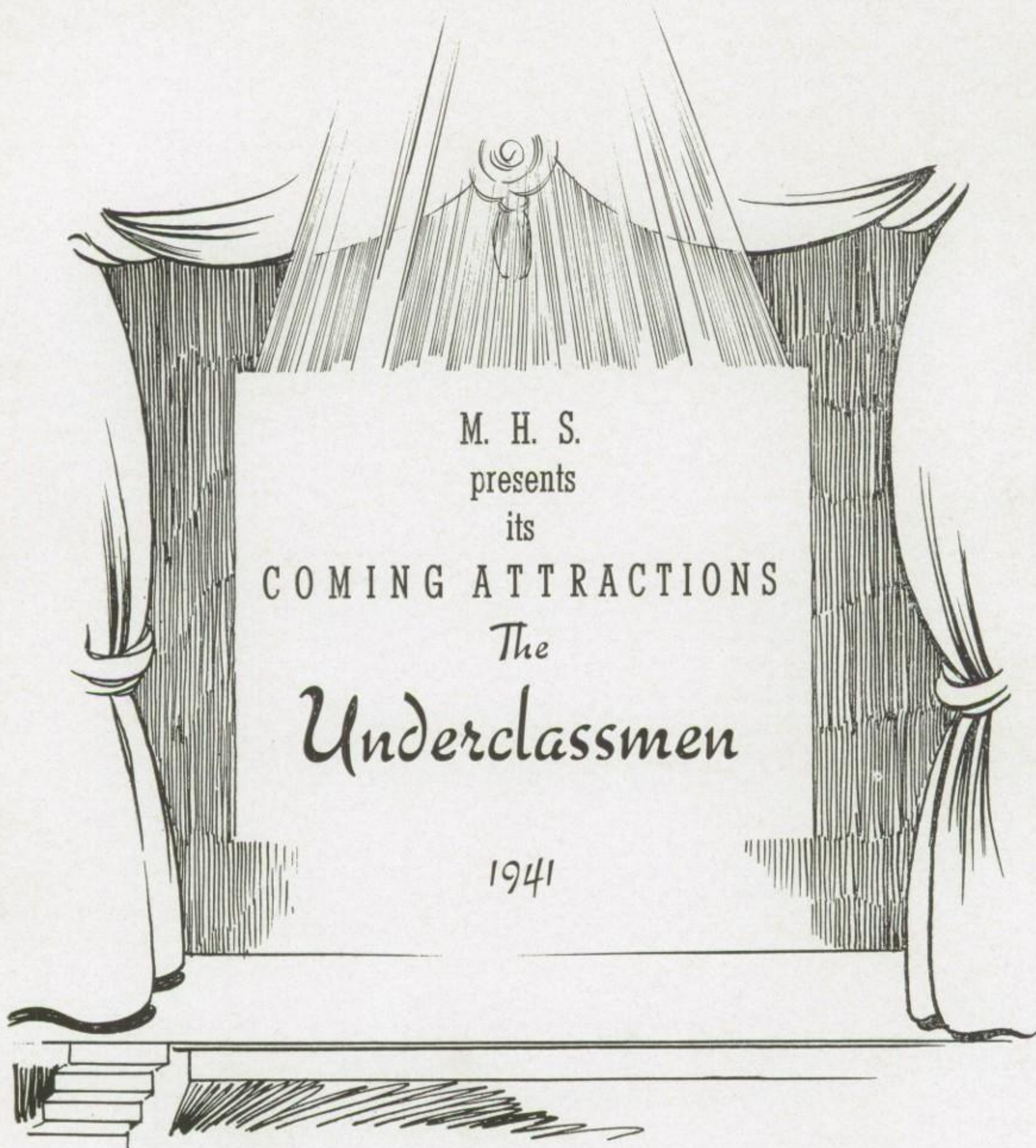
All of Ethel West's jitter-bug habits to Loretta Capuano.

Frank Wirth's wise cracks to Anthony Capuano.

A slim figure goes to Phylliss Vendetti from Pauline Wise.

Witnessed and signed this fifteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-one.

THE STARS OF '41





JUNIORS

Third Row: Virgil Lilley, James Goldsmith, Jack Humbert, Joseph Brosovic, Avery Sheaffer, Leonard Menicos, Orlando De Giralomo, Jack Symes, Joe Cavalier, Floyd Steiner, Thomas Hall, James Clark, George Oberlin.

Second Row: Dean Grove, Irene Snyder, Dorothy Guarnerie, Catherine Washburn, Verna Henzel, Ellamae Oyler, Edith Gerome, Marjolee Lewis, Jennie Figlola, Eileen Beard, Harriet McMillen, Dorothy Ladley, Almina Martin, Donald Geitgey, Dale Taylor.

First Row: Wanda Burfield, Jane Bennett, Jeanne Gibbs, Emily Rice, Janice Lewis, Dorothy Royer, Ruth Schmucker, Virginia Parks, Marjorie Race, Stella Wasik, Eleanor Grant, Audrey Danner, Alice Johnston, Alda Cavalier.

Advisers - Miss Smith and Mr. Watts.

Juniors not pictured - Lillian Saunier, Dorothy Slutz, Delores Prising, Donald Stockburger, Harold Host, Robert Morrell.

Junior Activities

This was a busy year for the Junior class because they had to raise money for the Junior-Senior Prom. They accomplished that feat through selling candy at noon and at basketball and football games, sponsoring a roller skating party, and giving the annual Junior Play. They also held a Hard Time Party and dance in October, and sold Middlebranch pennants. The Prom was given May 24, 1941.

CLASS OFFICERS

President	Emily Rice
Vice President	Leonard Menicos
Secretary	Wanda Burfield
Treasurer	Alice Johnston





Sophomore Activities

As is the custom, the Sophomore class gave an initiation party for the Freshmen early in the fall. Later in the year they sold basketball schedule pencils, and sponsored a roller skating party.

CLASS OFFICERS

President ----- Junior Weisel
 Vice President ---- Barbara Firestone
 Secretary-Treasurer --- Harriet Wirth

Third Row: Dwain Harsh, Norman Woodward, Alex Sanko, Nelson Schmucker, Nelson Havis, Cecil Miller, Junior Weisel, Richard Woolf, Charles Hinkle, David Johns, John Cline, Eugene Girard, Dick Booth, Dale Beggs.

Second Row: Mr. Schamp, Eileen Satterfield, Virginia Mohler, Harriet Wirth, Catherine James, Evelyn Woods, Betty Wearstler, Arbenia Castella, Clara Wolfe, Barbara Firestone, Doris Opphile, Alice Boli, June Royer, Virginia Prince, Ruth Wise, Christine Henzel, Mildred Cekalla, Doris Hein, Quedo Cavalier, William Lee.

First Row: Mike Cirone, Jim Johnston, Kathryn Crawford, Phyllis Vendetti, Kathleen Chamberlain, Arlene Morrell, Shirley Phillips, Wanda Werner, Edna Reel, Kathleen Uber, Betty Feller, Virginia Henkel, Geneva Schott, Mildred Judy, Doris Kimble, Phyllis Host, Geraldine Rice, Dale Harter, Anthony Capuano, Miss Leist.

Advisers - Miss Leist and Mr. Schamp.

Sophomores not pictured - - John Seifert, Alvin Shearer, Donald Taylor, Jack Lappin, Nathaniel Dierenger.



SOPHOMORES



FRESHMEN

Fourth Row: Lee Keplinger, Dorwin Hein, Richard Eggenschweiler, Arthur Fowler, Boyd Heminger, George Campaneli.

Third Row: Charles Snyder, Walter Wasik, Richard Palm, Jack Rinker, Robert Berkheimer, John Tucker, Wilbur Cox, William Anderson, John Nolan, Phillip Veno, Russell Ladley, Donald Bentz, Lorie Vendetti.

Second Row: Robert Mareno, Kenneth Wenger, Lorie Giannetti, Dorothy Immel, Mary Menicos, Margaret Stuhl, Jean Guarnerie, Louise Boyd, Esther Rice, Enid Smith, Ruth Brownlee, Gloria Boydelatour, Donna Little, Beverly Garrott, Mary Grant, Mary Danner, William Lilley.

First Row: Eileen Hart, Maxine Burfield, Dorothy Racey, Dolores Bennett, Louise Cavalier, Loretta Capuano, Katherine Braswell, Margaret Russell, Gerry O'Leary, Betty Blosser, Evelyn Dysle, Mildred Lenhart, Florence Clark, Mildred Wirth, Pauline Gottshall, Norma Fulmer, Joyce Lewis, Lois Seifert, Maryilyn Summers.

Class Adviser - Mr. Guttner.

Freshmen not pictured - Robert Cordia, Joanne Oyler, Marilyn Rubright, Ralph Harting.

Freshmen Activities

The Freshmen were initiated by the Sophomores early in November. Later, after the effects of newness had worn off, they sponsored a roller skating party.

CLASS OFFICERS

President	Russell Ladley
Vice President	Norma Fulmer
Secretary	Margaret Stuhl
Treasurer	Donald Bentz



EIGHTH GRADE

Third Row: Bill Breckbill, John Miller, Donald Beggs, Charles Ray Rickert, Victor Hoffman, Elmer Girome, Angelo Vendetti, Willard Werner, John Breninger.

Second Row: Beverly Graber, Florence Kemp, Mildred Moser, Mary Ellen Parks, Ruth Ann Ball, Jean Takacs, Dorothy Ruch, Marveine Royer, Ilene Anstine, Phyllis Boli, Louise Figlola, Maggie Figlola.

First Row: Roy Dickerhoof, Frank Cirone, Vivian Girad, Imogene Booth, Beulah Mohler, Donna Roush, Leona Eddleman, Lillian Metzger, Edis Neiswanger, Vivian Bair, Mary Castella, Fuller Smith, Eugene Capuano.

Class Adviser - Miss Wright.

Not pictured - Marjorie Feller.

SEVENTH GRADE

Third Row: David Gourley, Edgar Johnston, Norman Weisel, Merl Blythe, Clyde Fausneacht, Donald McCollum, Paul Dickerhoof, Russell West, Donald Wearstler, Howard Moser.

Second Row: Richard Royer, Bill Weirich, Kenneth Taylor, Jane Young, Martha Woods, Idamae Davis, Pauline West, Irene Smith, Lois Hein, Doris Dysle, Paul Werner, Robert Marshall.

First Row: Edwin Taillard, Fred Parcher, Richard Menicos, Ellen Mason, Mary Gerome, Jean Ruch, Lena Vendetti, Eileen Chamberlain, Martha Grove, Mae Conrad, Jack Danner, Richard Mareno, Robert Humbert.

Adviser - Miss Ream.

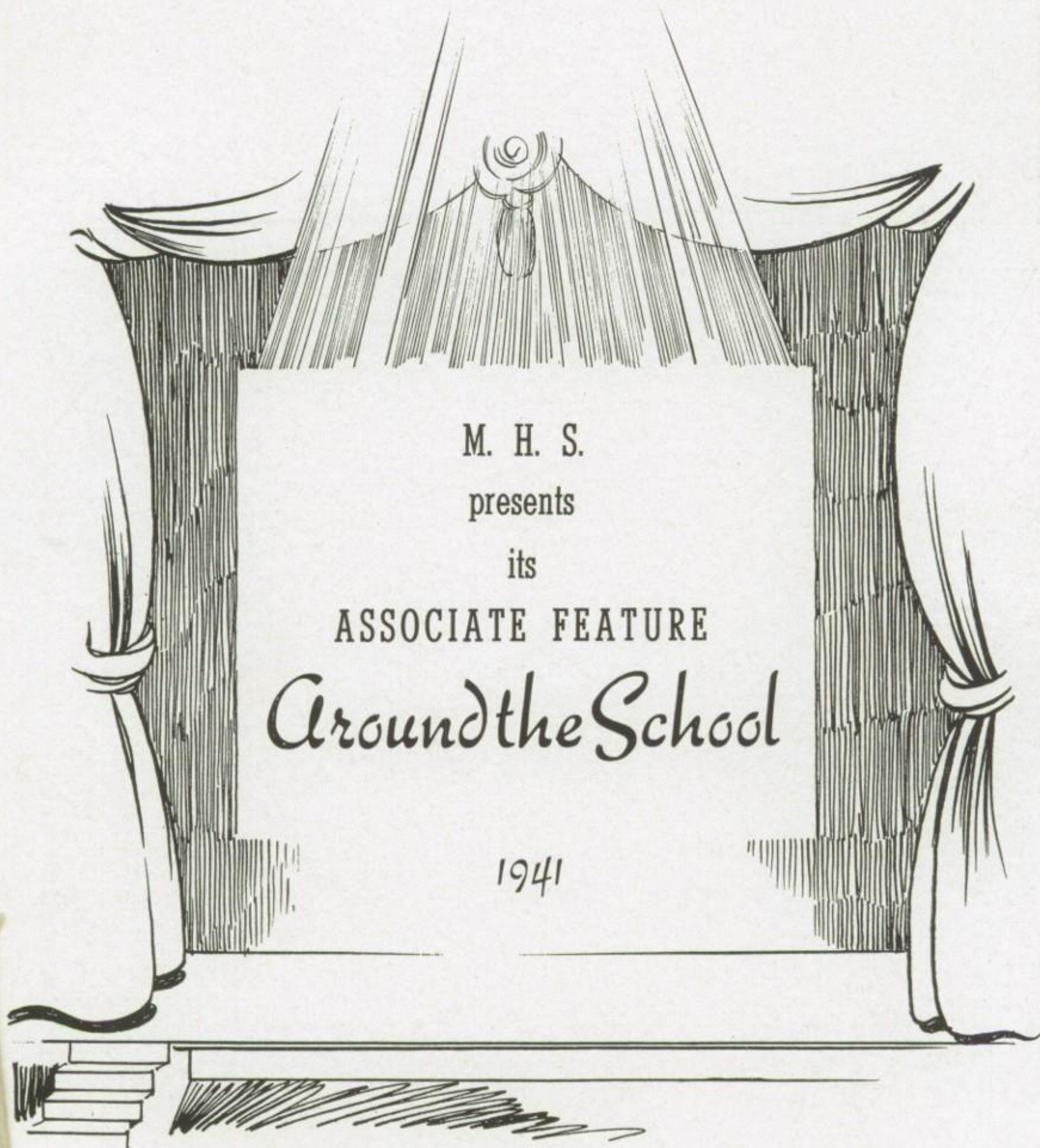
Absent - Irene Puskas, Elson Summers, Tony Figola, Margaret Handshuh.

Eighth
Grade



Seventh
Grade





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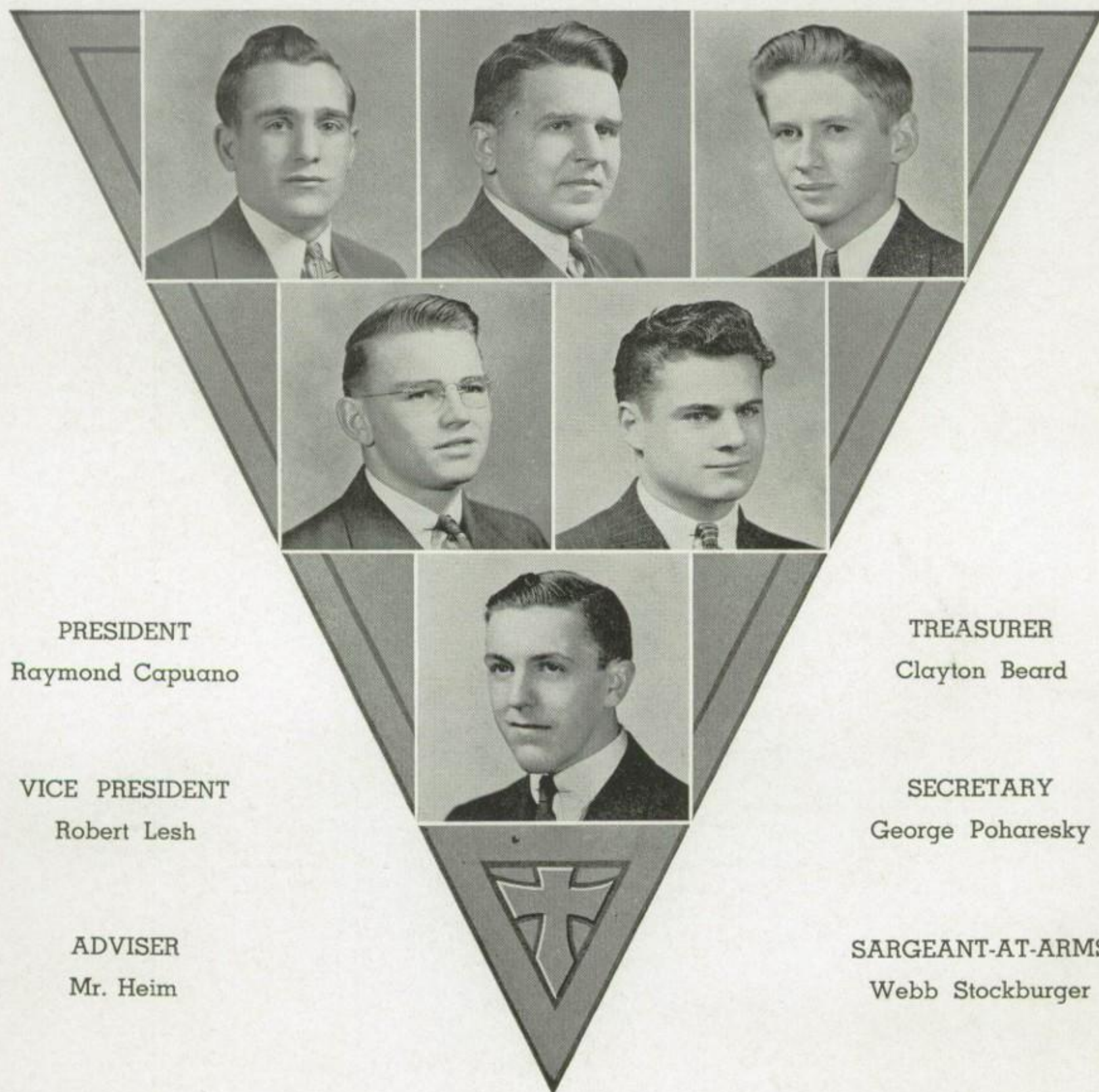
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ASSOCIATE FEATURE

Around the School

1941

HI-Y CLUB 1940 - 1941



PRESIDENT
Raymond Capuano

VICE PRESIDENT
Robert Lesh

ADVISER
Mr. Heim

TREASURER
Clayton Beard

SECRETARY
George Poharesky

SARGEANT-AT-ARMS
Webb Stockburger

President Ray Capuano called the members together early in the school year to talk over plans and programs for the ninth year of Hi-Y work.

The nine members started a program of building up the club membership which ended in November with the formal initiation of seventeen new members.

BOOSTER CLUB

The Booster Club is made up of boys and girls in the high school. The chief object of the club is to encourage cheers at football and basketball games. This year the club sponsored a Valentine and a roller skating party.

Adviser ----- Miss Wright
 President ----- Audrey Danner
 Vice President ----- Dorothy Ladley
 Secretary ----- Janice Lewis
 Treasurer ----- Barabara Firestone
 Cheerleaders ----- Audrey Danner
 Eleanor Grant

GIRL RESERVES

The Girl Reserve Club is a newly organized group at Middlebranch brought about by the sincere and energetic efforts of the girls and Miss Leist the adviser. The club has fifty-seven members who were received in formal initiation on February 13. Miss Seederly of the North Canton Community Building and the girls of the North Canton Club officiated.

The club sent three delegates to the Hi-Y - Girl Reserve Conference in Canton. Some of the girls also attended the Louisville Conference for Hi-Y

and Girl Reserve Clubs. A joint Easter Service of the Hi-Y and Girl Reserve Clubs was held in the school auditorium. The year ended with a picnic.

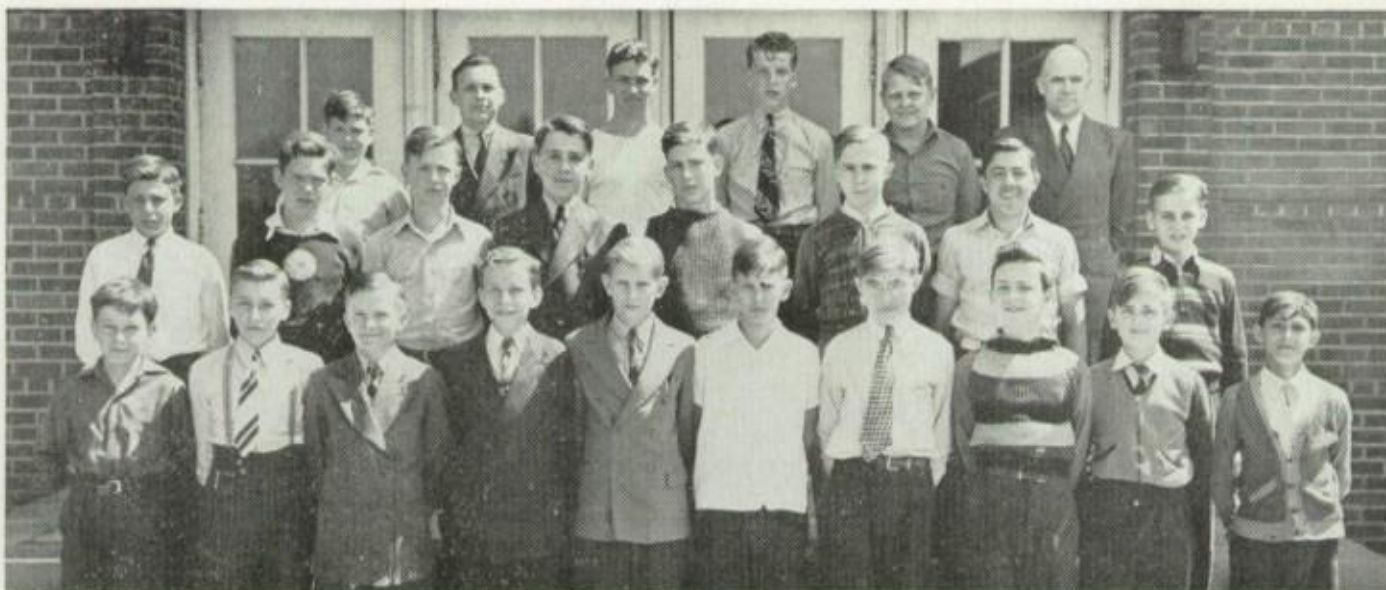
Adviser ----- Miss Leist
 President ----- Mary Rose Linder
 Vice President ----- Evelyn Woods
 Secretary ----- Clara Wolf
 Treasurer ----- Margaret Ladley

Booster
Club



Girl
Reserves

Boy Scouts



Model Builders

BOY SCOUTS

The activities of Troop 42 of Middlebranch were the passing of tests, taking hikes, and other such Boy Scout pursuits. In basketball their first team beat the first team of Troop 41 of Pleasant View.

Thoughts of camping are in every boy's mind and their hopes are realized. Every year, in the latter part of July, Troop 42 sends a half dozen or more boys to Camp Tuscazoar for a week of pure fun and enjoyment.

MODEL BUILDERS

The Model Builders Club was organized in order to create interest in the worthy use of leisure time for boys. The real accomplishment of the club this year was the building of a "Cadet" gas model air-

plane powered by a miniature gasoline motor. Several meets were scheduled with other schools in order to learn more about gas model airplanes.

Faculty Adviser - Mr. Schamp.

SENIOR GLEE CLUB

The Senior Glee Club is under the direction of Miss Grace Seneff. This year it had ninety-eight members. It provided a candlelight procession and recession for the Christmas operetta. It gave a Spring Music Festival, May 8. Some of the mem-

bers participated in the County Music Festival held at Canton, May 12. The accompanists for the Glee Club are: Dortha Kohr, Margaret Stuhl, and Esther Rice.

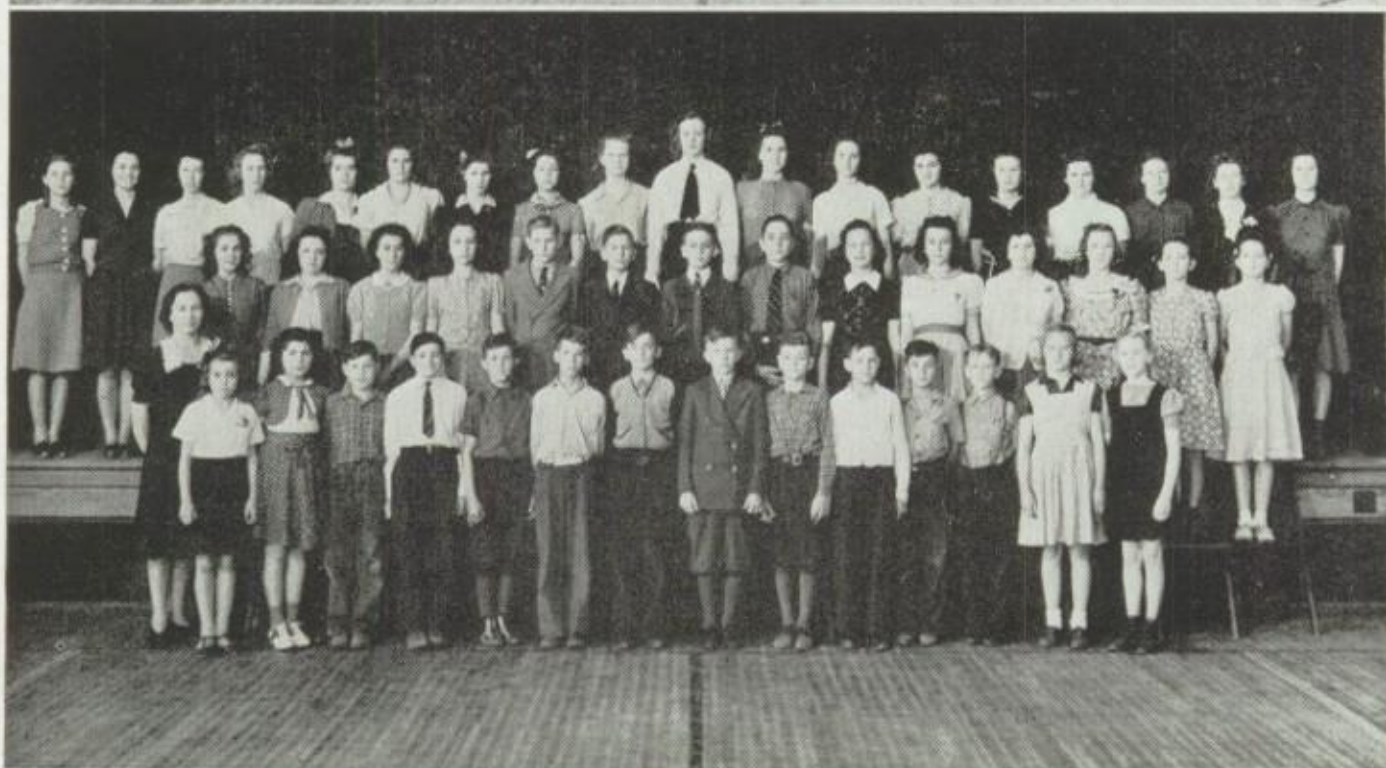
JUNIOR GLEE CLUB

The Junior Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Seneff, consists of members from the sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. This year the group sang in the Christmas program, and entered the vocal

competition in the North Eastern Ohio Contest. They received a rating of superior in this contest.

The accompanist for the group is Margaret Stuhl.

Senior
Glee Club



Junior
Glee Club

Orchestra



Band

THE ORCHESTRA

The orchestra, under the direction of Miss Seneff, consists of forty members. They furnished music at the High School Play, the Athletic Banquet, the

Junior Class Play, and at various assemblies. The accompanists for the orchestra are Esther Rice and Virginia Prince.

BAND

The band is under the direction of Mr. Taylor. The forty-eight members provided music and entertainment at the football games. This year the band marched at Fawcett Stadium for the McKinley-

Lehman game, played at several Canton engagements, and at festivals during the spring and summer. It also gave its annual concert March 7 in the high school auditorium.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY

Middlebranch High School presented its annual play, "A Voice In The Dark," an historical comedy, on December 12, 1940.

The plot of the play centered around Richard Shirley, a British spy, and Martha Davy, a very staunch supporter of the Sons of Liberty.

The cast of characters and production staff were:

Theophilus Davy	-----	Marlon Feller
Livy Davy	-----	Twyla Schmucker
Martha Davy	-----	Clara Wolfe
Lucy	-----	Marilyn Summers
Paul Revere	-----	Robert Hardie

Dame Astra	-----	Josephine Evans
Constance	-----	Dortha Kohr
Richard Shirley	-----	Jack Hoffman
Captain Knox	-----	Richard Danner
Samuel Adams	-----	Raymond Capuano
Stage Manager	-----	William Parks
Property Manager	-----	Kathleen Uber
Prompter	-----	Dorothy Royer
Programs	-----	Agnes Shaw
		Jack Humbert
		Robert Lesh
		Henry Wasik

VERSE SPEAKING CHOIR

This year the Verse Speaking Choir consisted of twenty-nine girls who were selected for their voice quality and reading ability. At Christmas time the choir read for the Missionary Societies of the United

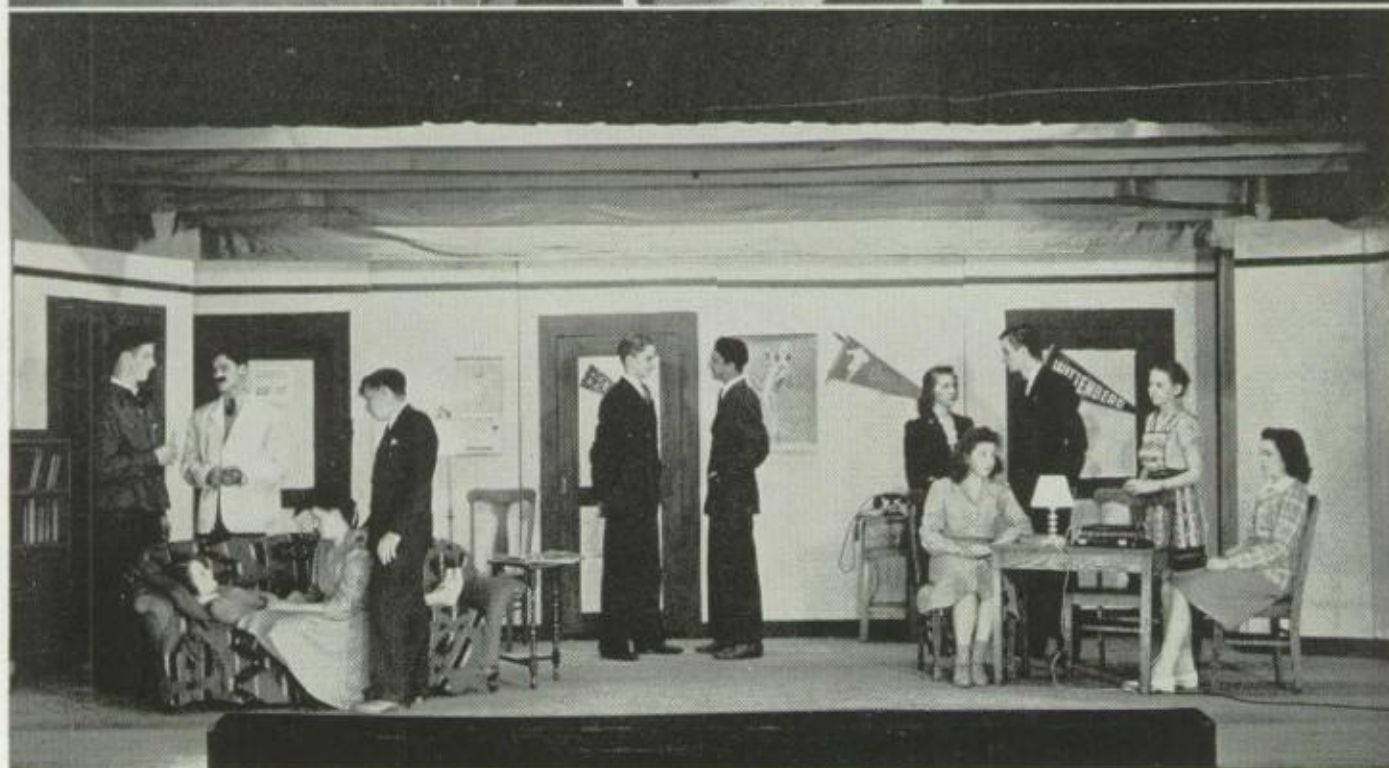
Brethren Church of Canton, the Aultman Hospital Alumnae Christmas party, and the Christmas assembly at school. The choir is under the direction of Miss Wathan.

High
School
Play



Verse
Choir

Prom



Junior Play

P R O M

This is a scene at the 1940 Prom. The decorations made Juniors and their guests, the Seniors, feel as though they were dancing on the roof of a penthouse. The music for dancing was furnished

by the Debutantes and there were games for those who didn't dance. A variety floor show ended a never-to-be-forgotten evening.

J U N I O R P L A Y

On April 26, 1941 the Junior Class presented its class play "Spring Fever," a three act farce by Glenn Hughes.

The plot of the play centers around the attempts

Howard Brant	Leonard Menicos
Ed Burns	George Oberlin
Vic Lewis	Jack Humbert
Lou Herron	Janice Lewis
Mrs. Spangler	Almina Martin
Anne Purcell	Wanda Burfield
Vivian George	Ruth Schmucker
Henry Purcell	Dean Grove
Phoebe Purcell	Virginia Parks

of Howard Brant to graduate in spite of great difficulties.

Miss Rodgers directed the play.

The cast of characters and production staff were:

Maude Corey	Emily Rice
Virgil Bean	Virgil Lilley
Doctor Dixon	Joseph Brosovic
Business Manager	Jeanne Gibbs
Stage Manager	Orando De Giralomo
Property Manager	Donald Geitgey
Prompter	Ellamae Oyler
Programs	Virginia Parks

DEBATE

The 1941 debate season was opened with five practice debates in which the Middlebranch negative and affirmative teams participated against opposing teams from McKinley, Uniontown, and Hartville. The question debated was, "Resolved: that the power of the federal government should be increased."

On January 30 the debaters took part in a round-table discussion of the question in assembly.

At the county debate tournament, held February 1 and 8, Middlebranch was placed in the upper two divisions into which the schools were divided. The Middlebranch teams won three debates.

Josephine Evans, Marilyn Rubright, and Joseph Brosovic made up the affirmative team; Virgil Lilley and Avery Sheaffer made up the negative team. Richard Woolf and Pauline Gottshall also were on the squad.

LITERARY CONTEST

The Stark County Literary Contest was held in February this year. The participants were graded by the judges and given ratings of superior, excellent, good, fair, and below average. Middlebranch contestants won superior ratings for vocal, trio, and freshmen ensemble; excellent ratings, for duet and octette; and the instrumental numbers ranged from good to excellent. Participants in the vocal musical numbers were: Dorothy Royer, Ruth Schmucker, Dorothy Chok, Jean Gibbs, Barbara Firestone, Shirley Poorman, Josephine Evans, Dorothy Ladley, Margaret De Giralomo, Jennie De

Giralomo, Marilyn Summers, Gloria Boydletour, Pauline Gottshall, Margaret Stuhl, Loretta Capuano, Katherine Braswell.

Instrumental numbers were played by Nelson Schmucker, Dale Harter, Marjolee Lewis, Virginia Prince, Stella Wasik, Shirley Phillips, and June Royer.

Accompanists were Barbara Firestone, Emily Rice, Nelson Schmucker and Dortha Kohr. Victor Lombardi delivered the oration, and Dorothy Ladley gave a dramatic reading.

Debate



Literary
Contestants

Memoir Staff



Mid-Hi Staff

MEMOIR STAFF

The Memoir Staff was chosen in the fall by the Senior executive committee and Miss Wathan, class adviser. The staff spent its time this year collecting material that would leave in the year book a lasting record of activities at Middlebranch during the school year of 1940-1941.

Editor-in-Chief ----- Dortha Kohr
Literary Editor ----- Twyla Schmucker
Business Managers ----- Richard Danner
Jack Hoffman

Sports Editors ----- Agnes Shaw
Dorothy Greer
Snap Shot Editors ----- Marlon Feller
Robert Hardie
Art Editor ----- Dorothy Chok

Under Class Assistants

Jack Humbert
Avery Shaeffer
Barbara Firestone
Pauline Gottshall

MID - HI STAFF

Every two weeks a staff of literary minded students concentrate their efforts in publishing the school paper, Mid-Hi News. During this school year seventeen issues of the Mid-Hi were placed in circulation. This six page paper keeps the students in touch with school and local news.

Editor-in-Chief ----- Josephine Evans
Assistant Editor ----- Avery Sheaffer
Literary Editor ----- Virgil Lilley
News Editors ----- Henry Wasik
Janice Lewis

Art Editor ----- Robert Lesh
Assistant Art Editors ----- Jack Humbert
Floyd Steiner
Sports Editor ----- Dortha Kohr
Ass't. Sports Editor ----- Geneva Schott
Circulation Manager ----- William Parks
Assistant Circulation Manager ----- Marlon Feller
Typists ----- Margaret Ladley
Margaret Clark
Theodore Stuhl
Agnes Shaw

MEDAL STUDENTS

Each year scholarship medals are awarded to the students of Middlebranch High School who maintain an average of 3.5 or above. This year three seniors have the honor of being medal students for

the fourth year. Twenty received scholarship medals in the school year of 1940-41. Their names and point averages are as follows:

SENIORS Average

Twyla Schmucker	3.98
Josephine Evans	3.80
Dortha Kohr	3.65
Victor Lombardi	3.68
Helen Lichty	3.57

JUNIORS Average

Avery Sheaffer	4
Virgil Lilley	3.84

SOPHOMORES Average

Junior Weisel	3.95
Clara Wolfe	3.95
Barbara Firestone	3.8
Betty Feller	3.6
Mildred Judy	3.5
Geneva Schott	3.5

FRESHMEN Average

Loretta Capuano	4
Mary Grant	3.95
Marilyn Rubright	3.8
Boyd Heminger	3.75
George Campanelli	3.7
Pauline Gottshall	3.66
Evelyn Dysle	3.62

Medal Students



STUDENT DAY



— Courtesy Canton Repository

A unique experiment in Student Government took place at Middlebranch this year. On November 8 the Student Council instigated a new regime. The students and teachers exchanged their respective places. The building from basement to third floor was taken over for the day by the students. From a group of six Seniors the Student Council selected Jack Hoffman for Superintendent, and Dortha Kohr for Principal.

The former instructors fell in with the plan and attended classes where they chewed gum, whispered, ate candy, and generally behaved with little respect for their teachers. Others of them however prepared their lessons for the day and behaved as model students. The male members of the faculty discarded their coats and neckties and rolled up their pant legs in traditional school boy fashion.

Approximately fifty-four students conducted classes. Mr. Ebie, custodian, was given a rest

when Webb Stockburger and Owen Smith stepped in to fire the boiler, sweep, pick up packages at the depot, and read the meters in the boiler room.

Miss Rodgers and Mr. Kohr found out that all the school rules applied to the teachers, when Dortha Kohr, the student principal, found them talking and loafing in the hall. With a sharp reprimand she sent them both to study hall.

At four o'clock the dismissal bell rang and restored everyone to his former position. To the teachers it served to remind them of their responsibilities, and to take in their stride the short comings of youth. Upon the students was impressed the really difficult job the teachers face and the need to be more cooperative and respectful. The total of the benefits from the experiment cannot be measured. It was promptly resolved that Student Day will be an annual occasion.

The Diary of A Star of "Life At Middlebranch"

Dear Diary, the leaves of September are falling,

9. Production on this set has started for another year. Mr. Kohr gave his annual address on hard, unadulterated work.
10. Schedule for shooting the picture is still a muddle. How can a fellow be in Art, English, and Democracy at the same time?
11. Found -- a brand new star wandering the halls.
12. New director, the coach, showed up today. He's all-state, too.
13. The stars elected officers to handle this last great year.
14. A little recreation instead of hard work. Today football was played on the set.
15. Director, Miss Rodgers, was relieved of her homeroom. She set up a new post in the library.
17. Grand election of Student Council. Even stars need ruling, I guess.
18. There was a bus accident on the way to the set this morning. There were no casualties.
19. Mid-Hi made its first appearance. Staff in a frenzy as usual.
26. Negroes in Chemistry lab due to a mishap. MNO^2 is certainly black.
27. The home team was beaten by Navarre.
28. The band marched at the McKinley-Lehman game this afternoon. Oh, were there some tired feet! Production has been suspended for two days.

The month of October starts in full swing, dear Diary.

1. Mid-Hi staff and Business English classes visited the local newspaper headquarters -- Canton Repository.
2. New bus, to be used for transportation from one set to the other, arrived. It's the brightest yellow -- even worse than the boys' sox.
3. Employees of the school board dined at Silver Maples. Miss Rodgers was the toast-mistress.
4. Middlebranch trimmed Marlboro like a turkey. You know the Thanksgiving spirit is in our bones.
5. Thirty-five actors and actresses journeyed to Columbus by way of Massillon. Did you say cider and do-nuts? Actresses went off diet for the weekend.
6. County Hi-Y meeting.
10. Senior stars sponsored roller skating party. Even they go in for recreation.
11. Who broke that thermometer? Wirth again, you might know.
15. Male members of the stars made their own hamburgers!
17. Fifth Columnists on set! Wasik tried sabotage in the Chemistry Lab.

18. The Band was on the go again. They attended the Massillon-Steubenville football game. Brrrrr!
19. North Canton snowed us under on our own set. 26-6.
22. Hi-Y initiation. After that seige new members weren't so sure they wanted to join.
24. Grades for acting appearing for the first time. What will my mother say?
25. Middlebranch actors tied Brewster and Coach was also fit to be tied.
26. Junior Hard Time Party. Little freckle-faced Gerber came.
28. Annual dancing classes began this evening for the social minded extras and stars.
29. Owen Smith rescued a kitten from a very perilous position.
30. The stars have gadgets for your automobile. Would you like to buy one? Hurry they're going like hot cakes.
31. The old fighting spirit came back and the team trounced the Uniontown eleven.

Dear Diary; the smell of autumn is in the air, and:

1. We vacationed. The directors went to Cleveland to get new ideas.
4. Sparks flew in Democracy classes. Director Watt's blood pressure rose several degrees.
5. Election day. Happy day!! Roosevelt won again.
6. The stars struggled through intelligence test. Do my brains ache!
7. New stars (Freshmen) skating party. Be careful, Jack.
8. Actors and actresses ruled for the day. J. Hoffman and D. Kohr supervised production.
9. Hi-Ya Folks Follies. "Ink Spots" won acclaim as amateurs. Football eleven celebrated. They edged out East Canton 7-6.
10. Spots spent Sunday removing ink.
11. Half day production lag. Hurrah for the armistice.
12. Basketball practice began today. Did you say someone was stiff.
13. First Memoir staff meeting. I wonder if the book will ever be published?
14. Casting for "A Voice In The Dark" announced.
15. Indian Pow-Wow in auditorium.
16. Rabbits evaded Feller and Hoffman.
17. Bob Lesh hit the trail nose first.
18. Director Wathan returned from Pennsylvania with a battered car and a stiff knee.
19. Hoffman and Evans have revived old friendship at shooting of the high school production.
20. Thanksgiving chapel for all on the set.
21. Thanksgiving. We vacationed by eating

- turkey and trimmings, and soda bicarbonate.
22. Santa Claus arrived in town. Only 24 shopping days until Christmas.
 25. These trips home! Miss Wathan, dignified Senior director, returned with a swollen jaw. She says she had a wisdom tooth removed.
 26. French classes welcomed play practice. Merci, pour un grand jour, mademoiselle Rodgers.
 27. Student court rushed with two cases today.
 28. Middlebranch saw shots of World's Fair.
 30. Here comes the bride! Mr. Wade Watts and Miss Marjorie Pagel were married.

Dear Diary; the first snow came with the first day of December.

5. Monthly roller skating party sponsored by the Booster Club.
6. First basketball game with Canal Fulton. We beat them for the first time in six years.
11. Private showing of "A Voice In The Dark." Paul Revere Hardie managed to make his entrances only one and a half minutes late.
12. "A Voice In The Dark" is finally released. The girls certainly looked nice in hoop skirts.
16. Verse Speaking Choir performed at Brethren Church in Canton.
17. Choir took bus to Canton again. This time to Aultman hospital.
18. Grade and High School Christmas program. Angels from above.
20. Chapel. End of production for this year.
23. Went carol singing. Are my feet cold and did you ever try dancing with cold feet?
25. Christmas day. I hope Santa was good to all the stars.
27. Girl Reserves went to rally at North Canton. I never saw so many girls without any men.

Dear Diary; the new year came in with January.

6. Vacation ended today. Did you see all the new clothes? Santa must have been running Stark Dry Goods.
7. Dance class resumed where they stopped last year.
8. Work began in earnest today.
9. Assembly to see a movie on bread and bread-making.
10. Basketball game with Hartville. Don't look now, but I think we lost.
11. Our five played the East Sparta five. Boys you're in a rut.
14. Miss Wathan attempted to teach the tango to the dancing class. What we need on this set is more slide and slink.
16. Junior class gave another skating party.
17. Basketball with Canton Township. The usual thing happened; we lost.
20. Does anything ever happen on Monday?
21. Same gossip. Dance class boys have learned to stay off the girls toes.

22. Monkey show - - very beneficial and educational.

- 23-24. Examinations. Wish I had payed attention to the directors when they were telling us how these scenes should go.
25. Jackson came to our set. This losing gets monotonous.
28. Dance class held a dance this evening to show off their new steps.
30. Debaters conducted assembly. I didn't know there were so many long winded speakers among our actors.
31. Uniontown game. It looked for a minute as if they would win.

Dear Diary; this is the month of hearts,

1. Miss Bergert was married. The Literary Contest was held at North Canton.
5. Assembly was conducted by the basketball team. Do you know what a guard is?
7. Game at Greentown. We couldn't get revenge for the football game so came home defeated.
8. Literary Contest continued today at North Canton.
10. Have you heard? Kind-hearted coach gave us a test on blue Monday.
13. Girl Reserves had formal initiation after school. What happened to those cookies?
15. Booster Club had a dance this evening. Where were all the boys?
19. Tournament started. Diamonds defeated.
21. Tournament season runs on at Washington High in Massillon.
24. Sleepy students. I have resolved to go to no more tournaments.
26. Broke my resolution. Went to the tournament again.
27. Chapel. Rev. Odell was the speaker.
28. Middlebranch five were put out of running at the Tournament tonight.

Dear Diary, March raged in like a lion,

1. Last day of basketball tournament. Beach City are champs.
3. Math Wizzard at school. He surely must have made better grades in Algebra than I to do all those tricks.
5. P.-T. A. Athletic dinner. Two prominent stars must be in love. They consumed three dishes of pickles.
7. Band concert. Maestro Taylor introduced Pop Bottles Serenade which promises to be the hit of the season.
10. Boy Scouts were hosts for the district meeting.
11. Boy Scouts again hosts for the Boy Scout Ceremonial.
13. Senior class sponsored Joy Bell Ringer. I never could play glasses like that. Must be my technique. Sophomore class sold us

roller skating tickets.

14. Awful noises came from the stars' dressing rooms. Oh yes, Commencement arguments.
21. Senior boys were given old Dutch bawling out by their personal director, Wathan.
25. No shooting on this set all afternoon. Dr. Crombie gave health talks. It hit some of the romantic couples of the set.
26. Four negro youths from Mississippi charmed the actors with their singing this afternoon.
27. The stars sponsored Pie Plant Pete. They really hit the jack-pot on that production.
29. Grade school choir participated in North Eastern District Music Festival and came out with superior ratings. We have some second Lily Ponses and Lawrence Tibbitts on this set.

Dear Diary, the month of showers is here.

2. Activities Tea this afternoon. Josephine Evans, Dortha Kohr, and Twyla Schmucker presided at the punch bowl.
3. Feminine faculty backed out on the all-star basketball game today.
4. Assembly. Counterfeit money was explained. I wonder if my only penny is any good.
7. The musical members of our set rehearsed at East Canton for the Musical Festival.
8. Dual control car for young drivers to practice in came today.
9. The actresses who can cook served a banquet for the Board of Education this evening at seven o'clock.
10. Baseball team was organized. What pitchers!
11. Easter vacation begins. Production again postponed.
12. Scholarship tests were taken at Canton Township today.
16. Boy's State election. Down with the blank candidate that certain Seniors were supporting.
18. Five Business English students learned today that "Punctuality is the keynote to success."
22. The Employment Agency registered the Seniors who are interested in work. Yes, they said work.
23. In assembly today Prosecutor Barthelmeh told us about crime.
24. There was a pre-view of "Spring Fever" this evening. It is a Junior production.
26. "Spring Fever" released. Director Kohr turned gangster at the production.
28. The faculty selected Avery Shaeffer and

Leonard Menicos as representatives for Boys' State.

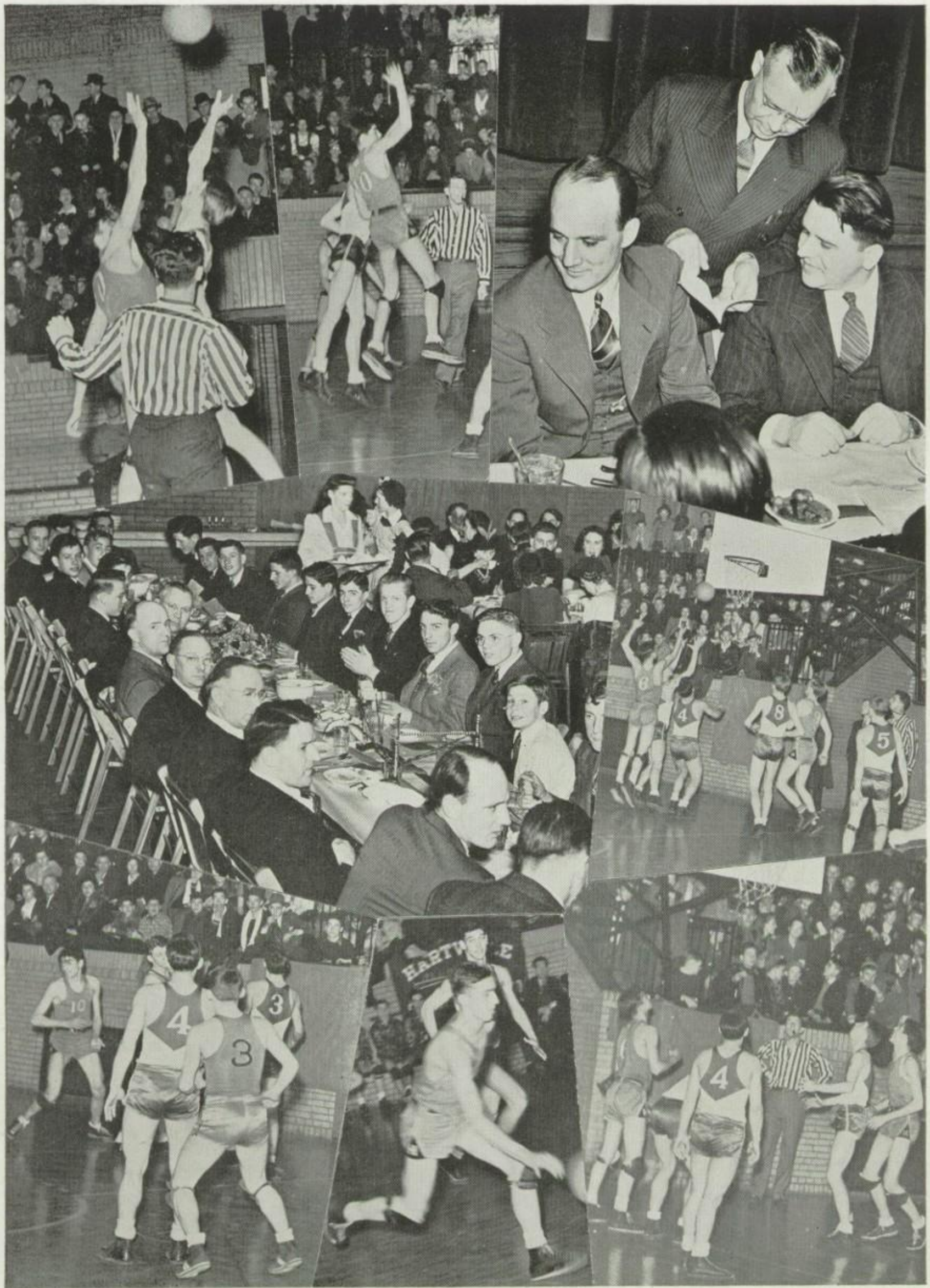
30. This warm summer weather has slowed production considerably.

Dear Diary; in spring a young man ---

1. The directors really believe in work the last few weeks of production.
2. Director Heim promised a Chemistry test the first day it rains.
5. The music groups rehearsed for three hours at McKinley High School.
8. The stars put on a Music Festival with the actresses in formals and the actors in black coats and white trousers.
10. County Music Festival at McKinley High School in Canton.
13. Annual spring strolls down to the creek. Who is that? Oh yes, Dorothy Chok and Floyd Steiner.
15. Directors convened today in order to decide who gets Oscar, the faculty award. I wonder if it will be I.
16. This business of being a star is certainly hard on a person. Tests, exams, cramming, rehearsal for class night -- whew!!
20. Because of hot weather production lags -- far behind schedule.
22. I have a date for the prom and the most heavenly dress. I wonder if he is going to wear a tuxedo?
24. The Junior-Senior Prom. I never have had such a good time.
28. Last assembly for the production staff, extras and stars. Everyone was awarded for work in the past year.
29. Again exams come around. There is one consolation. These are the last tests we stars have to take.
30. Halt in production today because it is Memorial Day.
31. Directors, extras, and stars went on a picnic at Lake O' Springs. We always have so much fun at these annual picnics. I got blisters on my hands from rowing.

Dear Diary; the last month of production has come.

1. Baccalaureate at 2:30 today.
2. Finals exams today. Class night to-night. The stars' contracts are almost ended.
4. Commencement tonight, and the stars of "Life at Middlebranch" came to the end of their contracts. Oh diary, isn't it awful to see them all finish their work on this set? They won't be around here any more.





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1940 Football Record

September 14	Jackson Township	26	Middlebranch	0
September 27	Navarre	25	Middlebranch	14
October 4	Marlboro	0	Middlebranch	13
October 11	Greentown	14	Middlebranch	7
October 19	North Canton	26	Middlebranch	6
October 25	Brewster	6	Middlebranch	6
October 31	Uniontown	6	Middlebranch	20
November 9	East Canton	6	Middlebranch	7
Total		109	Total	73

COACH

Wade Watts

MANAGERS

Kenneth Martin
Anthony Capuano

"FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS"

Middlebranch opened the football season with only three letter-men returning from the '39 Varsity Team. Although the Diamonds were not highly successful in the beginning of the season, they showed no signs of discouragement and by the end of the season, out of the eight league games played, the Diamonds had won three games and tied one.

On September 14, Middlebranch traveled to Jackson Township for the first game of the '40 season where the team was held scoreless, while the Jackson Bears chalked up sixteen points.

Again on the Navarre field, on September 27, the Middies were defeated by the score of 25 to 14.

The first home game proved very successful for Middlebranch with the Diamonds taking their first victory over Marlboro, by the score of 13 to 0.

On October 11, the Cementers clashed with their old rivals, Greentown. This was a close and exciting game played on the Greentown field but to no avail, for the Middies finally dropped the game by the score of 14 to 7.

The Vikings of North Canton trounced the Middlebranch Diamonds on October 19, on the Middies own field with the score of 26 to 6.

Middlebranch ended the season with two victories. On the home field on October 31, the Diamonds defeated the Uniontown Bob Cats 20 to 6. And again on November 9, the Middies downed East Canton by the narrow margin of one point -- 7 to 6. This was an exciting game played at Osna-burg Township.

In honor of the players the annual Athletic Banquet was held in the high school auditorium on March 5. The principal speaker was Mr. Edward Finnigan, assistant coach at Baldwin Wallace College. The banquet, sponsored by the Parent-Teachers Association and attended by many members of the community, was a very successful event.

INTRA - MURAL SPORTS



Intra-mural sports serve a two fold purpose here at school. They not only serve to create a greater interest in Physical Education and good sportsmanship, but help to furnish entertainment for the student body.

Baseball

The Middlebranch baseball team was organized for the second season under the captainship of Clayton Beard, and was coached by Mr. Watts. The boys played several games but they were not of league standing. However, the games proved to be good entertainment and recreation.

Boys' Basketball Champs

For the first time in years, the Freshmen boys won the intramural basketball crown by trouncing the Juniors 18-9. They again proved their ability by downing the faculty team 22-20 in a thrilling overtime game.

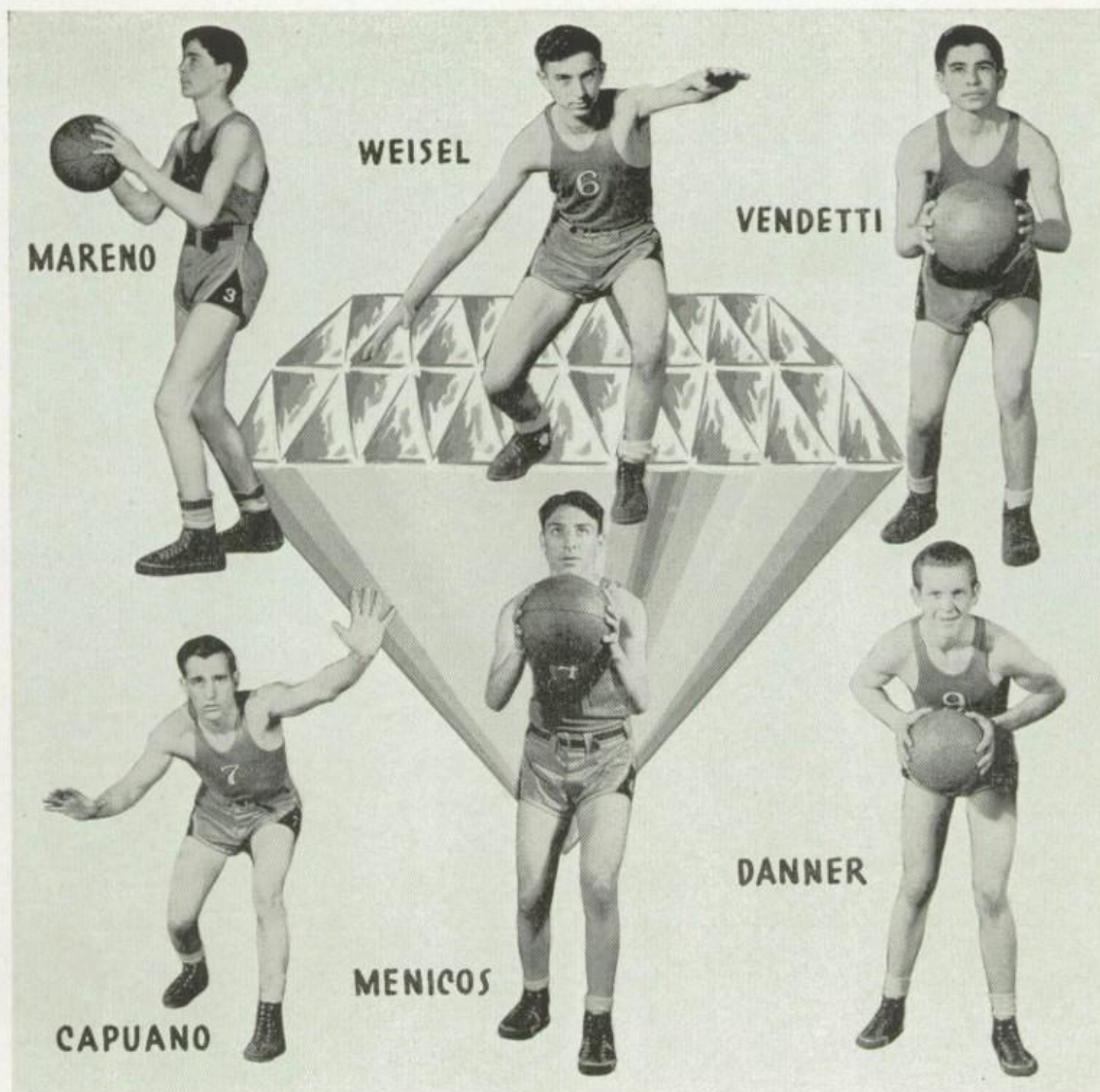
Girls' All-Star Volleyball Team

The annual girls' volleyball tournament was held in November. From the class teams, outstanding players were picked by Miss Smith, girls' Physical Education Director, to compose the two teams, the Ramblers, and the Rovers. A play-off game was held and the Rovers were victorious by the score of 28-20.

Girls' All-Star Basketball Team

At the close of the girls intra-mural basketball tournament, Miss Smith selected two all-star teams to play against each other. The girls were chosen on the basis of the ability they had exhibited in the class games, physical condition, and experience.

BASKETBALL



1940 - 41 Basketball Schedule

Dec.	6	-----	Middlebranch	-----	26	Canal Fulton	-----	39
	7	-----	Middlebranch	-----	32	Brewster	-----	27
	13	-----	Middlebranch	-----	14	Navarre	-----	39
	14	-----	Middlebranch	-----	19	Beach City	-----	26
	20	-----	Middlebranch	-----	18	North Canton	-----	24
	21	-----	Middlebranch	-----	16	Waynesburg	-----	26
Jan.	10	-----	Middlebranch	-----	19	Hartville	-----	26
	11	-----	Middlebranch	-----	25	East Sparta	-----	27
	17	-----	Middlebranch (Cancelled)			Canton Township		
	24	-----	Middlebranch (Cancelled)			Marlboro		
	25	-----	Middlebranch	-----	29	Jackson Township	---	38
	31	-----	Middlebranch	-----	39	Uniontown	-----	19
Feb.	7	-----	Middlebranch	-----	29	Greentown	-----	43
	8	-----	Middlebranch	-----	43	East Canton	-----	29
	14	-----	Middlebranch	-----	32	Jackson Township	---	55

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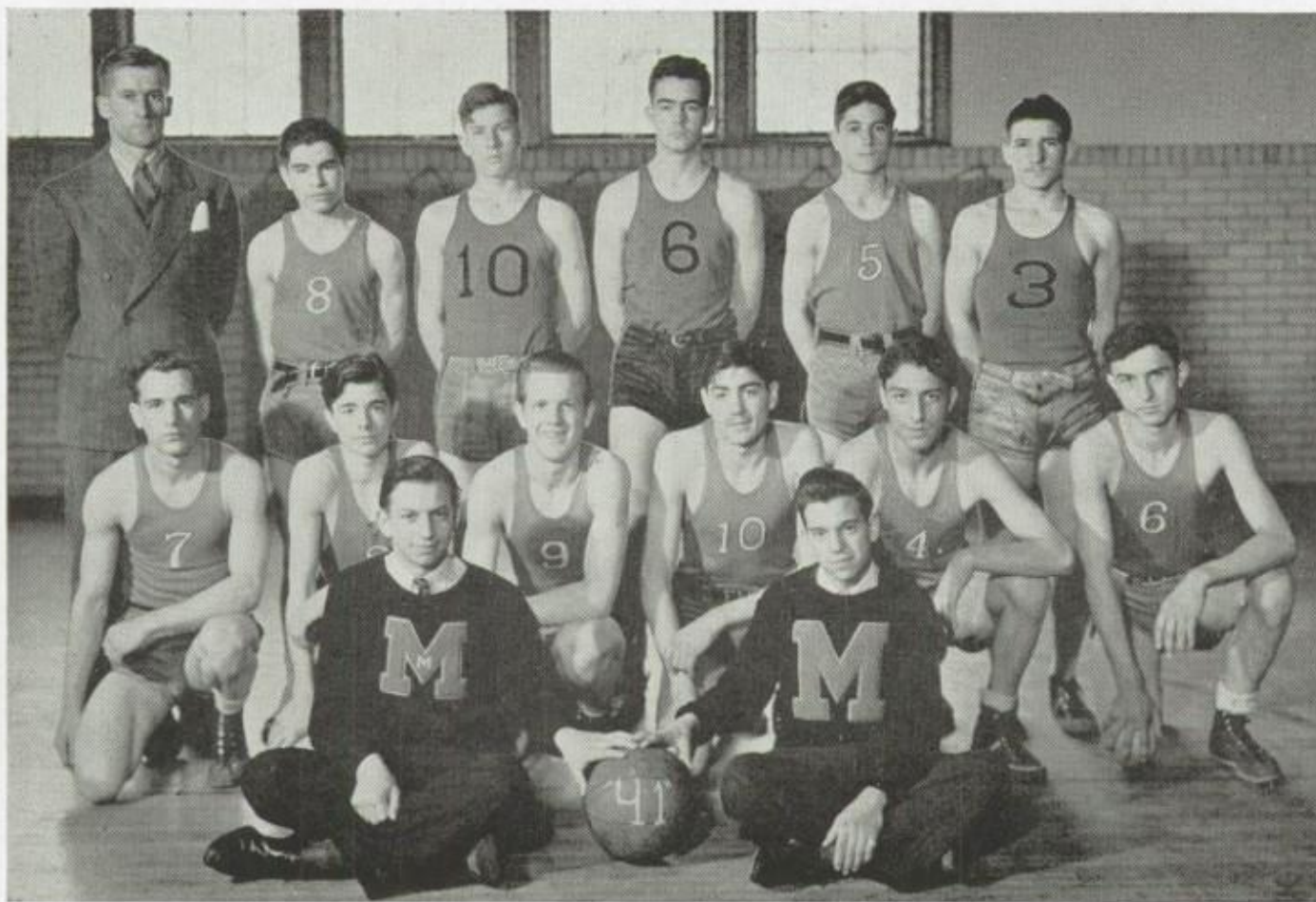
The Middlebranch Diamonds started the 1940-41 basketball season with only four experienced second stringers.

Because the lack of experience on the part of the players, the Middies struggled through with three wins and twelve losses. The Cementers, however, made a valiant effort, and lost several games by a small margin.

This year the Stark County Tournament was held at Washington High School in Massillon. In the first round, the Middies drew Marlboro, and were upset by the disappointing score of 22-20. Moving over into the consolation bracket, the Mid-

dlebranch Diamonds took on Brewster and upset them by the thrilling score of 35-34. In the second round of the consolation bracket, Waynesburg downed the Middies 55-26 and moved on to the finals.

The tournament this season was one of the most exciting that Middlebranch has ever participated in. The close scores in the Marlboro and Brewster games showed that victories aren't considered everything. The Diamonds were in there all the way showing a lot of spunk and fight, and though the season wasn't highly successful in the way of victories, it was received in a sporting spirit by all.



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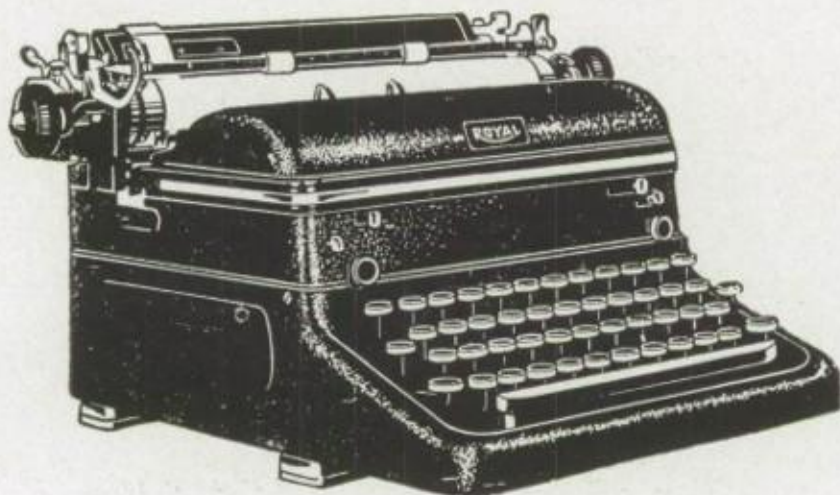
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